

Temperance Column

LOST—THE AMERICAN HOME

In referring to the nation's perils, Dr. Wimberly, that strong writer of the Southland, has the following very important things to say:

The next peril of gigantic proportions is the disintegration of the American home and its by-products—religious and moral apostasy. A nation can not rise higher than the moral strength of her homes; disintegration of home ideals is the harbinger of decay and revolution. The loss of home ideals, so long the bulwarks of our nation, is one of the alarming signs of the times. The principles of home are parenthood, confidence, and filial obedience, and they cannot be duplicated. The home must stand over against free love and "companionate marriages," which are about the last step toward the moral abyss. When this God-given institution degenerates to a social convenience for sensuous gratification, without the responsibilities of children reared within its sacred walls as the unit of society, then towering skyscrapers, gigantic corporations, billion dollar enterprises, educated populace and million dollar places of worship—all cannot safeguard us against the torch of the night rider and the bomb of the nihilist. With home ideals shattered, filial disobedience and easy divorce, what can we transmit to the next generation? Fatherhood, motherhood, childhood—organized as a mutual independent unit—alone can save us in the coming turmoil of to-morrow.

GEO. H. SMITH

CANADA'S FAILURE

We refer to the failure of making their government selling of liquor to work out as they wished. It was much set by in this country that Ontario was devising a much better system for the handling of liquor than our Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law. But we give below an extract from the pen of H. E. Woolever, in the New York Christian Advocate, which shows that liquor is not to be controlled by law. It is an outlaw and the liquor devil cannot be tamed. The only way to handle him is to put him out of business. We have already learned that, but our Ontario friends had it to learn. Let us not be led astray by such teaching as that we can control and manage the liquor evil. It will die before it will be tamed. So let us lead it out to the death.

Much concern was felt in this country when Ontario turned from a form of prohibition to having government liquor stores. Those fostering this plan had hoped to secure considerable American trade and by putting a tax of \$10 a gallon on liquor, obtain a large revenue. Recently Canadian officials were here and made considerable complaint. Their system is failing, and the bootleggers are under selling the government liquor stores.

In the first place, the trade from this side of the border did not materialize. Secondly the bootleggers have no more respect for Canadian laws than for others. The criminal liquor dealer now buys in the Dominion one gallon of Canadian whisky to furnish color and flavor to a gallon of "recovered" denatured alcohol and a gallon of water. Thus the illicit dealer has three gallons of "liquor" upon which he has paid only \$10 in taxes instead of \$30, which the government store must collect. He undersells the government, and besides, has a much freer hand in this country, because in Canada there is a local liquor business behind which he operates. Canada is learning what was

learned here long ago. The liquor business is criminal, cannot be regulated, and must be outlawed and driven from the life of a nation.

GEO. H. SMITH.

TO LET PASTORS SMOKE.

We glean the following news item from an exchange:

New York, April 16.—A resolution favoring the granting of permission to Methodist Episcopal clergymen to smoke if they chose, was passed today by the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session in New Rochelle. The New York East Conference includes the churches on Long Island and certain churches in the southern counties of the state and in Connecticut.

The resolution recommended that a memorial be sent to the General Conference asking that that body eliminate the clause in the discipline of the church requiring prospective clergymen to say they will not use tobacco. The next session of the General Conference will be held in Kansas City next month.

The General Conference is now in session in Kansas City. The above resolution has been presented to that august body and they have overwhelmingly set it aside, holding that no clergyman is fit to occupy the pulpit who uses the filthy weed. We are glad for this action. Who would expect one of the Ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ to use tobacco?

RAY L. KIMBROUGH

SOCIAL REFORM

Your committee on Social Reform beg leave to submit the following report:

Looking back over the past we regret that there has been no change for the better in the social condition of our land, but rather a downward tendency which is being revealed by the increase of crime among the young folk. This we feel is largely due to lack of parental authority and instruction. We deplore the fact that the home of today is not as it should be. In many cases there is no home life at all. While the mother very often is engaged in business or pleasure the children are left to the care of others who have little or no interest concerning their welfare. Many times the Church and Sunday School are expected to reach the youth of our land but as a whole this will never be successfully accomplished without the aid of the home. We therefore call upon the parents of our land that they impress upon their children the principles of correct living as laid down in Titus 2:4-8: "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children; to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded.

On all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

Sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

We agree with the sentiment of a recent article in the press, charging the clergy with encouraging the divorce evil, by remarrying divorced people. We would urge upon all that a stand be taken with the word of God against all such.

Too we feel that the immoral dress has

much to do in degrading the social life of our land. People are dressing and acting according to Isaiah's prophecy 3:16-25.

Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet.

Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls and their round tires like the moon.

The chains and the bracelets, and the mufflers.

The bonnets and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets and the earrings.

The rings and nose jewels.

The changeable suits of apparel and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins.

The glasses and the fine linen, and the hoods and the veils.

And it shall come to pass that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well-set hair, baldness, and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth, and burning instead of beauty.

Also we would not forget to mention the cigarette ruin to the young women as well as young men of our land.

With present conditions as they are and still on a downward trend we wonder what the effect on the rising generation will be.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOO BUSY TO LIVE

He hadn't time to greet the day,
He hadn't time to laugh or play;
He hadn't time to wait a while,
He hadn't time to give a smile;
He hadn't time to glean the news,
He hadn't time to dream or muse;
He hadn't time to train his mind,
He hadn't time to be just kind;
He hadn't time to see a joke,
He hadn't time to write his folk;
He hadn't time to eat a meal,
He hadn't time to deeply feel;
He hadn't time to take a rest,
He hadn't time to act his best;
He hadn't time to help a cause,
He hadn't time to make a pause;
He hadn't time to pen a note,
He hadn't time to cast a vote;
He hadn't time to sing a song,
He hadn't time to right a wrong;
He hadn't time to send a gift,
He hadn't time to practise thrift.
He hadn't time to exercise,
He hadn't time to scan the skies;
He hadn't time to heed a cry,
He hadn't time to say good-by;
He hadn't time to study poise,
He hadn't time to repress noise;
He hadn't time to go abroad,
He hadn't time to serve his God;
He hadn't time to lend or give,
He hadn't time to really live;
He hadn't time to read this verse,
He hadn't time—he's in a hearse.

—Greenville Kleiser.