

wants woman to maintain to the greatest degree her femininity."

The following is from an editorial in the San Francisco Bulletin: "Among women the habit of smoking is increasing, and it can not be said that it adds to their attractiveness. It is further objectionable by reason of the fact that among girls it represents, in most cases, a revolt against parental authority, and is a symbol of the rejection of other restraints designed for the welfare of society." Dr. J. H. Kellogg, discussing the moral effects of tobacco, says: "Under the influence of tobacco, the judgment, the will, the conscience, the imagination and every other moral and mental faculty are changed—nicotinized. The pipe-dream is a temporary 'drug insanity.' It is an intoxication as real as an alcoholic 'drunk'."

This being true what kind of influence will woman have over man when she lowers her standard of conduct to conform to his instead of insisting that he come up to her standard? What effect will it have on his ideals. Will it raise them, No! Will it even allow them to stay where they are? No! It is all a step downward. It is a part of the movement away from the fine ideals and high standards that have been typical of American womanhood and manhood since the foundation of our nation.

When the nineteen poisons of tobacco have been absorbed they are carried quickly throughout the body by the blood stream. Every tissue in which blood is found is bathed with them. This includes every part of the body except the hair, the nails, the outer layers of the skin, and a portion of the teeth. The health of every bodily organ depends on the perfection of the cells. Finally, the most necessary functions, circulation, nutrition, elimination and reproduction depend upon the development and integrity of the blood cells.

Will not the harmful effects of tobacco produce a coming generation of nervous, hysterical, and deformed youth? When both the father and mother smoke, the tiny life cell is engendered in nicotine, which is one of the deadliest poisons known. The baby life from the beginning is weakened if not destroyed. Dr. Barber has made the statement that sixty per cent of the children born of cigaret-smoking mothers die before they are two years old. Is it any wonder that there are so many childless homes? In spite of the fact that physicians are doing their utmost to lessen it, the infant mortality is decreasing but slowly. The State of Kansas could be repopulated every five years with the children who die before they are ten years old, and Kansas has a population of 1,769,000.

Professor Flinders Petrie, the noted archaeologist, writes in the Yale Review that the human race is deteriorating. He points out self-indulgence takes the highest place as the object of life, that too much tobacco is causing decline as it did in the civilization of Spain and Italy, and worst of all that knowledge has outstepped the moral sense. William A. McKeener says, "The tobaccoists are spending more money to make cigaret addicts of girls and women than upon any other line of propaganda. Their success spells race suicide."

The "sweets" campaign of the American Tobacco Company is a nefarious scheme to ensnare our women and girls, and thereby to enslave our children. The guiding hand of the mother has always directed the habits of her children. If the mothers use tobacco, is it not

obvious that the physical, mental, and moral stamina of succeeding generations must be seriously impaired? The American Tobacco Company in its greed for business, has resorted, in its advertising, to the most un-American, unethical, and untruthful suggestions conceivable. Should public interest, convenience, or necessity permit a great corporation to tell the future mothers of the nation that the way to retain the fashionable figure is not by exercise, not by moderation, not by clean living, but by smoking cigarets? Such advertising is a blight on our civilization.

The Indians possessed great mental prowess, but they used this power brutally. Though their race is as old as any people of the earth, it has made the least progress, and is nearing extermination. The Indians were the first users of tobacco. In Hawaii practically every native smokes. This has been true for years. It is also true that the native population is steadily decreasing. In 1776 there were 350,000 natives on the Island; but today there are only 22,600. The race of pigmies discovered by Stanley in Central Africa are said to be inveterate users of tobacco. This is no doubt one reason why they are pigmies. When Europeans first visited New Zealand they found the natives among the most finely developed and powerful men of the world; but since the introduction of tobacco they have become a weak and feeble people in comparison with their former powers. Thus we see that the sins of the parents are visited upon the children. A prominent educator of Paris has stated that if the women of France smoke to the same degree as do the men, in two decades France will be a childless nation. Do the tobaccoists dare affirm that by yielding to their seductions the motherhood of the nation will be lifted? The thought is little less than blasphemy.

We are appalled by the formidable crime wave that is sweeping America today. It is a known fact that the increase of crime is proportional to the increase of tobacco. Juvenile court workers tell us that from ninety-three to ninety-eight per cent of the children in our reform schools are cigaret addicts. President Hoover says, "Nearly every delinquent boy is a cigaret smoker. Cigarets are a source of crime. To neglect crime at its source is a short-sighted policy unworthy of a nation of our intelligence." Students of criminology agree with this verdict. Are cigaret-smoking mothers doing their part in suppressing crime? Can they influence their children against the cigaret when they themselves are enslaved by the habit? What noble ideals can a mother instill in her child under such conditions? The poison of the cigaret is devouring sacred womanhood, holy motherhood. It is seeking to destroy the vitality and heritage of our posterity.

Is it not our duty to pioneer for a race of strong men and women who can in the true sense of the word be loyal citizens of the world? Shall we as leaders in ideals and morals permit our lives to be distorted, our brothers led astray, our purity and civic righteousness destroyed, and our children seriously handicapped? Shall we as women and girls of the twentieth century barter the happiness and physical well-being of our posterity for a luxury which is a poison? Or shall we answer the call, and with spiritual vision, keen intellect, and a Christian will, fight this enemy, which is undermining our morals, cursing our

motherhood, and our children?—The Free Methodist.

OBITUARY

Charles Ernest Cameron

Charles Ernest Cameron, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cameron, of Fredericton, N. B., passed away April 4th, at the age of ten years, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis of the glands. Charles was an extraordinarily bright boy and loved by all who knew him. He bore his suffering with great patience, though confined to his bed for eleven months.

He prayed for weeks and requested others to pray that the Lord would take him to Heaven.

He leaves to mourn besides his parents, one sister, Mavis, and many relatives.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. I. F. Keirstead, assisted by Rev. George Telford at his late home, 294 Aberdeen street. The hymns, "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "Face to Face Shall I Behold Him," were rendered by members of the R. B. Choir.

The beautiful floral tributes bore silent expressions of love and sympathy to the bereaved family. The pallbearers were Wm. MacFarlane, Arthur Saunders, Vernon Saunders and Yvon Hagerman, members of the S. S. School. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery Extension. We extend to the bereaved ones our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Alfred Wetmore

The death of Harriet Alice, widow of Alfred Wetmore, occurred on April 2nd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Porter, at Cedar Lake, Yarmouth Co., N. S. The deceased was 83 years of age. She was a great friend of all who knew her. She was a faithful Christian and a member of the Reformed Baptist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Porter and Miss Sadie Wetmore, and two sons, Clayton H., superintendent of the County Farm, Arcadia, and Benjamin A., of Beaver River; also one sister, Mrs. Stephen Wetmore, Cedar Lake.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. T. Wright (United Baptist). The writer was also present.

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Lewis L. Smith

Lewis L. Smith, aged 53 years and 6 mos., a former resident of Jonesport, died at the Bangor State Hospital after an operation from which he never rallied, on Mar. 28. The funeral was held at the home of his brother, Emery Smith, Jonesport, Me., on March 30th. The body was placed in the vault to await burial in the family lot of Jonesport cemetery. This service was made doubly sad from the fact that on Oct. 3rd, 1928, the writer had attended the funeral of the wife after a brief illness.

Mr. Smith left 9 children, 3 brothers and an aged mother to mourn their loss. The community sympathizes with the family in this sad bereavement.

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CORRECTION

In the last issue, in the article, "The Easter Spirit," the 13th line from the bottom should read—or the woman of wealth wasting precious hours in idleness and selfishness.—The Editor.