

## Interesting Items

Some interesting items on present day evils which ought to stir the heart of every good citizen to prayer and action.—Editor.

### THE SMOKING AT WOMEN'S COLLEGES

New Orleans, La.—The smokers have the edge in a majority of the Women's Colleges of the country which are represented here at the convention of the National Student Federation. Girl delegates at a round table discussion took a poll and found that 24 of the 40 colleges represented permit the girls to smoke. Further discussions brought out that drinking of intoxicants is not considered an important problem, and only six of the colleges have compulsory chapel attendance.—Fort Fairfield Review.

### THE CRASH OF DEMOCRACIES (Kansas City Star)

With the addition of Austria, a population of more than 300,000,000 in Europe and the adjacent Asiatic fringes live under dictatorship. Of the great powers, parliamentary institutions survive only in Great Britain and France. One after another democratic governments crashed under the post-war strain. Russia, which led the way, never was a democracy. But Italy, Poland, Turkey, Jugoslavia and Germany followed, and now Austria. It requires stability of character, intelligence, and long experience to make democratic institutions work successfully. On the way to New England the Pilgrims on the Mayflower signed a compact for democratic government. But an English authority, Walter Bagehot, once remarked that without the compact the Pilgrims, with their character and experience would have made democracy work.

With the repeal of prohibition in the United States and the probable low tax on liquor in this country, enabling it to be sold much more cheaply than is possible in New Brunswick, New Brunswickers feel they have the United States border to deal with. In fact already a quantity of alcohol has been making its appearance on the New Brunswick side of the line from the United States, but it will require continual vigilance on the part of the police if these goods are kept out of that province, say the New Brunswick authorities.—Moncton Times.

### OBJECTIONABLE FILMS SHOULD BE BANNED BY PROVINCE

Fredericton, N. B., Mch. 21—The effect of motion pictures on the public morale was under discussion this morning at a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of the New Brunswick Legislature. The opinion was expressed by W. S. Anderson, Northumberland. Opposition, that it was time the province called a halt in the showing of objectionable films, and that the committee should bring the matter to the attention of the House.

Mr. Anderson believed, however, that the present Board of Motion Picture Censors was doing valuable work, and Dr. W. W. White, Saint John City, Government, considered that the question could safely be left in the hands of the board.—Moncton Times.

NOTE.—The chief trouble with the present moving picture business is, it is commercial-

ized and like any other business which is run on that basis, it becomes corrupt. Even those who are appointed by the government on the board of censors are there for the good salaries that they receive, I fear. And hence are not much interested in the public morals. If they were interested in the welfare of the people, a great many of the corrupting pictures that are being shown these days would be banned before they reach the screen. But as long as church members attend and support the movies we need not look for any change for the better. If they would stay away, many others would be ashamed to go, and the movies would have to go out of business.—Editor.

### DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL

Alcohol is a habit-forming drug.  
Alcohol lowers resistance to disease.  
Alcohol shortens life.  
Alcohol decreases efficiency.  
Alcohol fosters poverty.  
Alcohol stimulates crime.  
Alcohol causes accidents.  
Alcohol stirs up passions.  
Alcohol impels toward vice.  
Alcohol provides favorable conditions for venereal disease infections.  
Alcohol slows up social progress.  
Alcohol lessens ability to think clearly.  
Alcohol hampers will power.  
Alcohol dissolves inhibitions that protect self-restraint.—Rosenau's 'Preventive Medicine and Hygiene.—Fort Fairfield Review.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Newport, Me.

Dear Editor:

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Greenlaw and daughter, Rev. Violet Bagley, of South Penobscot, Me., were recent guests of Mrs. Greenlaw's sister in Newport, before they returned to their home in Lincoln. They have been with their daughters through the winter, Mrs. J. W. Greenlaw and Mrs. C. B. Houghton, the last left of the family of eleven children of the Late Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Greenlaw are past 80 years of age and real smart.

Plaster Rock, N. B.

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money order for two dollars (\$2.00) for my renewal of the Highway, which is due in July, the remaining portion is for the Supplementary Fund.

I look forward with pleasure to every copy of the Highway. I think it should be in every Christian home, it is so helpful.

Respectfully yours,

(MRS.) W. E. McDAVID

### LITTLE THINGS

A penny is a very little thing, but the interest from it from the days of Cain and Abel would buy the globe.

An acorn is a little thing, but the black bear and his family live in the oak which springs from it.

A word is a little thing, yet one word has been many a man's destiny—for good or evil.

A kiss is a very little thing, but it betrayed the Son of God into the hands of His enemies.—Exchange.

If we would do much for God we must be much with God.—M. G. Pearse.

### GOSSIP

(From the Rotarian, Chicago)

Had we power to give the average city or town one gift, this season, we would give it freedom from gossip. That gift would mean more for human happiness in homes and community than a million dollar factory or a bumper wheat crop on a dollar market.

Gossip—is an outstanding social curse of the day. More homes are broken, more happiness is ruined, more careers are downcast, more banks are closed by the careless repetition of guesses, rumors, scandals, half truths, and untruths than by any one cause.

Gossip does not require sustained mental effort. Gossip is not a product of mental processes, but only proves a vocal agility. . . .

Gossip proceeds from jealousy, grows heavy on guesses, thrives on hurried whispers, and waxes juicy on "I told you so's." Gossip deals in dirt. . . .

Gossip is a traitor. It sticks like pitch and tar to the one who traffics in it.

Can a community go forward whose members seek first the latest scandal? Have men and women who bear tales, any leadership for youth?

Gossip has this one saving weakness; it has no use for you if you have good use for your time. Gossip always shuns the poor; and tires quickly of inattention.

Most reforms call for collective action. Many call for money. The conviction of gossip is an individual matter. One man or one woman can be an executioner of gossip. It takes people to create gossip; people can stop it by the simple process of starvation.

Any community which substitutes true neighborliness for gossip, sincere helpfulness and friendship, for scandal mongering is on a good smooth road to happiness and success.—Yarmouth Light.

### UNCTION THE SECRET OF SOUL-WINNING

Rev. J. M. Hames

"There is an indescribable quality about words, even when they are printed, but more so when they are spoken. Words are chariots in which the quality of heart and mind ride forth to other souls. The dominant heart quality of a person will possess and accompany his words with absolute precision. If the spirit of a man is superficial, or narrow, or time-serving, or selfish, or trifling, these qualities will pervade his words, in spite of all the seriousness or sanctity he may try to put into them, whether they are written or spoken. If the heart is large and filled with the broad, tender love of Jesus, and compassion of others, then the simplest expression which may seem commonplace will be freighted with these qualities."

People often wonder why some people, and especially preachers, are utter failures as soul-winners. They preach straight, radical, orthodox truth, but their messages lack warmth, tenderness and force. The Holy Spirit alone can put into our words that burning, summer heat, warming sensation which kindles other souls into fervor. Let a person begin to speak in a meeting with this divine unction and at once hearts and minds are gripped, melted and moved. We should never try to speak in public without first waiting until the divine dew pervades our whole being.—Wesleyan Methodist. Greer, South Carolina.