

SOCIAL REFORM

"... in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." I. Tim. 3:1-5 and 13. "For her sins have reached unto Heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities." Rev. 18: 5. Surely, surely the above mentioned conditions of wickedness are with us today to an alarming extent and tell us too plainly we are in the last days.

The words of the late Calvin Coolidge were prophetic: "I can conceive of no adequate remedy for the evils which beset society, except through the influence of religion. There is no form of education which will not fail. There is no form of government which will not fail. There is no form of reward which will not fail. We do not need more national development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen." Our attention is continually drawn to the lawlessness of the present day by the lists of crimes committed, in the daily papers.

It seems to us that the appalling lack of discipline in the home, and the great disrespect of children for their parents tends to this condition.

"In the home in baby days, the foundation is laid, of these things and if the home fails—there is the beginning of lawlessness, there is the source of the 'crime wave.'"

We have noticed that children whose wills have not been brought into subjection to their parents seldom become fully submissive to the will of God.

The U. S. Department of Justice in the recent investigations of the nation's crime holds American youth largely responsible. Forty per cent. of the crime records pertain to persons less than 25 years of age. . . . Could anything indicate more clearly the break-down of the family altar and to education and reform the hearts of youth. We as holiness people must take warning, and you who have young children remember: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," is true today. If you want your children to be Christians train them for such from babyhood. God's word says we may. If you do not, but accept present day laxity, probably these, your darlings, will be some of the criminals of the future. O parents, be diligent to obey God.

We need to be stirred over the carelessness of family prayer among Christians.

"It is sad to reflect that few of the children, now growing up about us, can, in after years, enjoy recollections of the family altar, because the average Christian home of today has none. . . . The matter is vital. The broken down family altar is doubtless the secret of much of the poverty and weakness of the religious life."

The plastic mind of the child hearing the Bible read from day to day becomes familiar with its doctrines and, when meeting the false teachings of the present day are able to dis-

criminate between truth and error. Let us keep up the family altar.

Dress: A young woman was showing another a picture of our young people. She remarked on the modesty of their dress. May we go still farther in the way of our mothers.

In the early days of our denomination our women took for their authority I. Tim. 2:9-10. "... That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame facedness and sobriety, etc." I wonder if we could not profitably ponder over our manner of dress today and see if we are keeping up with the standard? Are the low neck lines, the extra snug fitting and semi-sleeveless dresses modest dresses?

Then the little girls—what about these little women of the future being so scantily clad—brought up to it—that modest women blush for very shame that the little girls, sometimes, are almost naked.

What are we as mothers doing training our girls for God or to fill the brothels.

Cigarette Smoking among our boys stunts their growth, dwarfs their brains and squanders their money. What shall we say about our girls and women? This with beer and other alcoholic drinks blasts our hopes of strong and efficient mothers for the future. Cigarette smokers of Canada spent more than \$48,000,000 for their "ready mades" in 1934.

Dancing: Let us consider this from three new points, the respectable church dance, the High school dance and the disreputable pavilion dance hall—are they not all three gateways to Hell?

Immortality is on the increase and the dreadful conditions in schools, High schools and colleges makes one shudder when reading or hearing of them.

Friends, this subject of Social Reform needs our heartiest support in doing all we can as a people in bettering these conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Brother Dow:

I am sending you a P. O. Order for renewal of the Highway. Wish I could contribute more for it than just pay for the copy. Would love to have been to the Alliance and Camp Meeting. I remembered you all in prayer. The Camp Meeting at Reading was a success, and altar lined again and again. My own soul was enriched; am anxious to get next Highway to learn about Beulah Camp. Jesus is precious to me. The blessed Christ abides. I am looking forward to Jesus' coming, and love Him with all my heart. I am in His keeping and I know He cares for me. Glory to His name! The Lord bless you.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. H. SABEAN

Dear Brother Dow:

Enclosed please find money order for the Highway for another year as I don't feel I can get along without it. I look forward in getting it I enjoy reading it so much, it is such a help to me. Although the Bible comes first there are so many great and precious promises in God's Blessed Word. I wish to be remembered in prayer and also my children and their loved ones, by God's people.

Tho' sundered far by faith we meet
Around the common Mercy Seat.

Wishing all the Highway readers Christian love. May the blessing of God be with you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

MRS. MARY S. COLE

Psalm 91:10. The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee. For thou Lord has not forsaken them that seek Thee.

IN MEMORIAM

In the death of Mrs. Schuyler Page, who died at Chattanooga, Tenn., on June 1st, I have lost a dear friend, whom I knew as Nora Thomas, of North Head, Grand Manan, N. B.

Our Denomination was organized in 1888 but our General Missionary Society was organized at Woodstock, N. B., in 1889 and she was one of the vice presidents, being a delegate of the North Head Church.

When Mr. Baker was opening up the work at Seal Cove and elsewhere on the Island, Mrs. Page was an active assistant.

Having great musical talent, and a sweet voice, she was a good helper.

In later years she was very efficient in Sabbath School and Temperance work among the young people at Caribou and Chattanooga. She has a large circle of friends at these and other places where she lived and worked, always busy ministering to the sick and poor.

We, who are her friends, will always remember her kindly helpfulness but what is our loss is her gain.

To her sorrowing husband and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

"Up and away like the dew of the morning,
Soaring above to its home in the sun.

Thus would I pass from the earth and its toiling,

Only remembered by what I have done."

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

IN MEMORIAM

Since God, in his infinite wisdom,
Has called to a higher sphere

One of our most faithful workers,
Who labored so faithfully here.

Our hearts are saddened at losing
This friend so dear to us all,

Who willingly laid down life's burden
To answer the Master's call.

We shall miss her cheery presence
In Church and Sabbath School,

Where she ever truly worshipped
And practiced the Golden Rule.

A faithful, efficient teacher,
She worked in the Master's fold,

Where years of loving service
Endeared her to young and old.

May her sweet and gentle influence
Continue with us still,

May our lives, like hers, be moulded
To our Heavenly Father's will.

And now, to her nearest and dearest,
Who cared for her tenderly,

Our hearts go out, so truly,
In deepest sympathy.

Written in loving memory of Nora (Mrs. William) Graham, an earnest Christian worker in the Union Sunday School held in the Reformed Baptist Church of Maple Ridge, N. B., by

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