

UNBORN BABIES "SMOKE," TOO, TWO DOCTORS LEARN

F Find Heart Speeds Up Just Like Mother's

Under the above headlines, the following article appeared, February 8, in the Chicago Tribune, an Associated Press dispatch from Yellow Springs, Ohio:

"Unborn babies indirectly 'smoke' along with their mothers, according to a study of the babies' heart action announced today at Antioch college.

"The report states that the infant heart action changes—usually speeds up—while mother smokes. Considering this a definitely proved fact, the investigation proposes next to attempt to learn whether the smoking harms the unborn.

"The experiments were conducted by Dr. LeLester W. Sontag and Dr. Robert F. Wallace of Antioch college. It is part of a study of the effects of environment, beginning before birth.

"The report says the tobacco products reach the baby through the mother's blood. These are the same smoke products which cause pulse rate increases in adults.

"Doctors Sontag and Wallace will make no statement regarding the harmful effects of maternal smoking on the unborn," the report goes on. "They have concerned themselves entirely with establishing the transmission of the toxic products of tobacco smoke.

"They have directed attention, however, to the work of European and other scientists who have reported toxic effects resulting from nicotine in the milk of mothers who smoke during lactation."—Heart and Life.

MONEY TALKS

The Disappointed Dollars

I wanted to go to China, but a little girl spent me for ice cream and candy.

I wanted to help preach the Gospel in Africa, but a young man spent me on the movies.

I wanted to go to Moslem lands to tell of Christ, but a little boy spent me for popcorn and gum.

I was planning to help the ignorant women in India, but a lady spent me to go to the theater.

A little girl gave me for Missions, but the church board borrowed me for current expenses and didn't pay me back.

I wanted to help build a chapel in the Philippines, but a deacon spent me for cigars.

An elder had me and I wanted to go to Japan, but the elder said, "A quarter is enough," and put me in his stuffy old pocket book.

We are so disappointed! We wanted to do some good in the world. We are heartbroken because we can not go. Won't you people who love the Lord and love those for whom Christ died be sure next time to put us in the offering, so we can help tell of Jesus all over the world?

The Happy, Joyous Dollars

I am going to buy twenty new Testaments for China.

I am going across the ocean to support a student in a mission school one week in India.

I am going to the Philippines to help print Christian literature.

I am on my way to Japan to help run a Christian kindergarten.

I will supply Christian books for ten pupils in a day school in India.

I will support a native evangelist for a week in Africa.

I will pay the rent for a chapel for two weeks in South America.

I will give the Mohammedans two thousand one-leaf tracts in Moslem lands.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

According to the Weather Bureau, the recent drought marked no permanent change in climate but was only a natural recurrence of a condition which is to be expected every thirty or forty years.—Pathfinder.

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It is well known that Jewish congregations are generous in the support of their rabbis. Salaries of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 are said to be quite common, while even small synagogues often pay their rabbis from \$5,000 to \$7,500 a year.—Religious Telescope.

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A recent census indicates that there are 320,454 Indians in the United States, which is an increase of 3,000 since 1932. A new Bill of Rights for the Indians, now pending in Congress, aims to restore to them their lands, which since 1887 have dwindled from 113,000,000 to 47,000,000 acres. It would also restore a large measure of their traditions and freedom.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

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At the recent meeting of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Cleveland, Ohio, figures were presented showing a current indebtedness on 7,000 church properties to the staggering total of \$68,000,000. Only one in seven of these 7,000 churches is able to meet interest and amortization charges on its mortgages.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

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The sites of the important Bible cities in Palestine, Sodom and Gomorrah, have been found by Father Mallon, of the Pontifical Institute of Jerusalem. Many dwellings have been unearthed and implements, weapons, and jewelry. Everywhere were discovered ashes, indicating that the cities were destroyed by fire as the Bible records.—Religious Telescope.

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A study of 30,000 leading citizens listed in "Who's Who in America" is rather reassuring when investigating their religious affiliations. Sixty-four per cent of educators and social workers were active enough in churches to report their membership. The least religious were actors, artists, sculptors and musicians, who reported only twenty-three per cent. Forty-three per cent of Army and Navy officers belong to Protestant churches; scientists, thirty-seven per cent religious; editors and authors forty per cent, while physicians, architects and engineers fifty per cent.—Herald of Holiness.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Chicago Evangelistic Institute announces the addition of one more course in our Bible College. By next year we will be prepared to confer the degree Master of Sacred Literature to all students having the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Sacred Literature degree or their equivalent. For particulars of these courses, please refer to the year book for 1935 which will be furnished upon request.—Heart and Life.

I am aware that the age is not what we all wish, but I am sure that the only means to check its degeneracy is heartily to concur in whatever is best in our time.—Edmund Burke.

"The real secret of happiness is to be in love with your job; to do work that you like to do; that interests you; that you believe in." That is, let us add, not only the secret of happiness, but the secret of success.

SALVATION BRINGS BETTER DANCE

Revivals pay in saving homes and property. Think of that poor drunkard, how he curses his home, ruins his family, drinks up his money, squanders his property, wastes his opportunities, curses himself, his family, his fellowman, his country, destroying much good. But let him get saved in a gracious, Holy Ghost revival and see what a change it makes. He is not the same man, his home is not the same, and his community is not the same. He becomes a blessing instead of a curse. He saves his health, his life, his soul, his home, and helps save his community. Revivals pay spiritually, morally, financially, educationally and otherwise. They save from crime, from lawlessness, and from a devil's hell. Amen. (Sub-titles are ours.—Editor.)

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THINGS WE CANNOT AFFORD

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.

We can't afford to play with fire,
Or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.

We can't afford for hate to give,
Like hatred in return.

We can't afford to feed a flame
And make it fiercer burn.

We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.

But blind to good are we, apart
From Thee, all-seeing Lord;
O, grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford.—Selected.

INTELLIGENT HOLINESS

"Holiness is power," we are told. But this statement needs some modification. There may be a holiness that is weak because ignorant. We know good people who have a good experience who are full of "cranky" notions that ruin their influence. Intelligent holiness is power.

The word of God commands thought and meditation as truly as it does prayer. Many people never get established in holiness because they do not inform themselves on doctrine. Many do not know how to express themselves and are easily upset by opposers. Many will not take a holiness paper, but think they can get along just as well with their Bible. We might just as well say we can get along without church privileges or assembling with the saints. God has given many kinds of help for the perfecting of the saints. Among these helps is holiness literature. Those who are leading the work today are the men and women who study and meditate on the subject. We need not only to know well what God has told ourselves but also what He has told others' pure minds by way of remembrance and holiness literature is one means of doing it.—E. J. Fowler.

Thou hast given us the blessings of this life, and of a better. O Lord, Thy blessings hang in clusters, they come trooping upon us, they break forth like mighty waters on every side.—George Herbert.