

him. What was my surprise, upon looking up a few minutes later, to see every seat empty and the altar lined with weeping children! Praise the Lord, not one remained behind! Each was dealt with in turn and all testified to having received what they sought. Since then I have heard their voices testifying definitely to the witness of sins forgiven, that is a number of them. Praise God for saving these dear children.

In a few outposts of our work there are wonderful opportunities which we have as yet not been able to take. At one of these I visited last year, and was amazed at the number of children present. But though they are "crying" for a teacher, that need has not yet been met. Why? Because the funds are lacking. So far what schools there are at various outposts are being supported out of the Missionaries' salaries, which cannot reach around to all the needy places. A thought came to me that some of you children might be looking around for something special to put your tithe or offering towards, and this would be a fine investment in the Lord's work. A native teacher generally receives five dollars a month. Wouldn't it be fine if enough of you Junior Crusaders, or others interested, could raise sufficient for the support of a native teacher for a year—say from the beginning of next term. But even if you could not take up the whole support of a teacher, you might like to help. I have felt such a desire to see a teacher at the above mentioned outpost (Mbucu) that I have about decided to try and undertake the support of one myself. Of course it would be fine if you wanted to help me. Often a day school is soon followed by a Sunday School. The preacher stationed at Mbucus is a very earnest worker for God and says he wants to learn how to read, but has no one to teach him. If a teacher could be found for that place he would become a pupil too, as well as his wife. So you see how great the need is.

May the Lord direct and bless you as you plan to work for Him. Please do not get tired of praying for the people to whom we are ministering but pray earnestly and fervently for them and us.

God bless you all.

Yours in His service.

GRACE M. SANDERS

A fervent zeal, which may my prayers enforce;  
Of heavenly joys a sweet foretasting view,  
That I on earth may only heaven pursue."

— Bishop Ken

"WE ARE RID OF HELL, ANYWAY"

A certain famous modernistic preacher and pastor was being felicitated by one of his friends, who remarked, "Well, we got rid of hell, anyway." But the man of renown drew back a little. He said, "I'm not so sure about that. I am not sure that we can do away with the results of sin."

Here, at least, was a cautious pause. If we live in a moral universe, then any deviation from the known will of God is sin, and to live in rejection of His known will is to live in a state of sin.

For God to fail to punish sin and fail to segregate the sinner from the holy would be in Him either weakness or wickedness, or both. God, since He is a moral being, must be true to Himself and to all His creation. Hell is but an awful necessity.—Free Methodist.

## Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

### TOBACCO A BAD INVESTMENT

Dr. Howard A. Kelly

Tobacco, next to alcohol, is the worst possible investment a nation can make; in reality an investment in deterioration—which destroys capital and creates nothing. In the first place it robs the nation of a vast acreage of land simply to burn it up in smoke. It wastes the lives of countless thousands of good citizens, scattering all their efforts to the winds in smoke.

It is the cause of innumerable fires, destroying property estimated to run into several hundred millions of dollars annually. Tobacco is the cause of constant bickerings and bitterness between growers of the weed, and buyers, and often gives rise to feuds which result in the burning of barns, and in murders.

The lives of a number of tobacco men have become conspicuous because of their immorality and their falsification connected with their business. In the latter the U. S. Government has suffered notoriously.

Its use by many creates a strong desire for alcoholic stimulants. It wastes the time and money of millions of our young men—not to mention young women. It reduces the resistance of young men so that many through this agency become a prey to tuberculosis and are less capable of resisting other diseases.

It is a direct incitant and cause of cancer of the mouth in thousands yearly.

It ruins the nerves of many young men at a time when they are about to enter into their active life in the world, making them unable to concentrate upon their work, and unfit for the responsibility of important business.

As a cause for so many fires, it imposes heavy taxes on the community by reason of the destruction of property, and increase in expense of insurance, as well as the expense of supporting the fire department.

It is particularly harmful to women who are not so able to throw off its effects on the nerves by physical exercise.—Tract.

### THE MOVIE AND THE "CHRISTIAN"

The Covenanter Witness reminds us that the Committee of Child Welfare of the League of Nations analyzed 250 American films and found in them: "97 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions, 45 suicides. Of the characters in these 250 films there were: 176 thieves, 25 prostitutes, 35 drunkards."

Also, "the Chicago Censorship Board some time ago eliminated from 788 pictures: 1,811 scenes of assault with guns with intent to kill, 175 scenes of assault with knives, 231 scenes of hanging, 757 scenes of attacks on women for immoral purposes, 929 scenes of nudity and semi-nudity, 21 scenes of jail-breaking."

It is estimated that 115,000,000 people attend the movie every week. Among these addicts of this "school of crime" are millions of church members. With the sinners who are not members of the church they give their money to the support of this infamy they send their children for instruction in these "schools," they gamble with the other sinners on "Bank Night." But of course they expect the sinners to believe in their religion.—The Free Methodist.

### THE JUVENILE SEX CRAZE (FOR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS)

By Rev. S. K. Wheatlake

According to official and accredited reports, the violations of the persons and the murder of little girls is alarmingly on the increase, all to satisfy the lust of wicked men. Some weeks ago our newspaper gave an account of the execution of two men for such a crime, and another man was wanted for a like deed. There is surely a reason for this condition—the manner in which some mothers dress their boys and girls, with nothing to cover their nakedness but a small piece of cloth about their waist—no more than a raw heathen would wear to cover his nakedness. To appear in public in such a condition is a breach of modesty and a burlesque on common sense. It certainly cultivates immodesty in the youth of our land, and in no sense develops a spirit of chastity. It is surprising how early in life children are impressed with evil thoughts, especially since the depravity of their hearts tends in that direction, and the evil imaginations are inflamed by such unchaste appearances. It is no wonder that evil men are led by their unrestrained passions to commit rape, and even murder, on the persons of little girls.

The mothers of the country are not blameless when they expose the persons of their children to become the gazing stock of evil men.

The "red light" districts of our cities are being fed by such conditions, and will continue to thrive unless something is done to change this awful custom. We are sure that "holy women" of old would not have conformed to such lustful practices. God pity the Free Methodist mothers who will thus allow their children to break the rules of common decency, even for the momentary comfort and the pleasure of the child.

This evil is so prevalent that decent men can hardly go to their homes from their places of business without being contaminated by the lewd pictures on the billboards and the immodest dress.—Free Methodist.

### COST OF A CHILD

The Watchman Examiner reports:

"The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York City estimates that the money cost to parents of a child from birth until eighteen years of age is \$7,182. Of this amount education receives the smallest amount, and religion has no place in the estimated cost."

This is very good in theory. And it would be very fine if so much could be allotted for the care of each child. But in some preachers' families hardly more than this much of actual money has come into the home for the whole family of four or even six during eighteen years. And thousands of preachers' families have not had twice this amount for a whole family during such a period while the family was being reared.

Nevertheless, from these homes of ministers who have often had much less than their share of money have come boys and girls who have held the leading places of responsibility in the church and the state and in the world of education and business. Very many of the parsonage children have been good and useful, and a goodly number, eminent. Which proves that money is not the biggest thing in the raising of children after all.

Not all prayers are said by lips.