

route? Was it this same Power which made us wait for the second car? Was it this same Power which reserved those particular seats for us? How long had that money been there? And why had it not blown away in that breeze-swept trolley car?

I wonder. I wonder.

There was One who knew about such things as this. "Except ye become as little children***," He said; and "According to your faith be it unto you!"—Your Faith.

WHAT THE MOVIES DO TO US

An idea of what the movies do to us is obtained from a note taken from "The Message":

"C. Nelson Schrader of "Advertising Age" asserted that out of 140 feature pictures studied, there were only three in which there was not some showing of liquor-drinking or some reference to the subject. In many instances the qualities of one kind or brand were praised above those of another.

"In the 137 pictures, Mr. Schrader classified 113 as having favorable mentions of alcoholic beverages and 24 as unfavorable. Champagne proved most popular with 24 mentions, all favorable. Beer was referred to 23 times, but eight mentions were unfavorable. Bourbon received 22 mentions and Scotch 17, with all but three favorable in each case. He reported that the sales of the type of beverage consumed in a popular film often increased notably upon the release of the picture. The form of advertisement may have been quite subtle and most unconscious, but the results were the same as if they had been prearranged.

"Moreover, in most cases, the scenes in which alcoholic beverages were used were not such as to digest the witness. On the contrary, they gave the impression that it is clever to drink, that liquor is the only effective resort when love fails, when business drops, or just in general the inevitable antidote for failure and accompaniment to fun."

Also let us remember that the movie is a steadfast friend and promoter of the cigarette; that it ridicules the sanctity of marriage, and promotes impurity; that it has been accused as a foremost promoter of burglary, murder and other crime; that it tramples upon the Christian Sabbath wherever possible; that it promotes gambling, especially on "bank night;" that it continually ridicules the Christian ministry (not Catholic priests—they would not stand for it).

Now somebody wants to know what we have against the movies; why our people do not attend, etc., etc. Well, now, you tell.—Free Methodist.

GIVING

Giving should be:

Periodic—"Upon the first day of the week." Worshipful, habitual, prayerful, cheerful.

Personal—"Let each one of you". Each man, each woman, each boy, each girl, no proxies.

Provident—"Lay by him in store." Forehand-ed, deliberate, thoughtful, intelligent.

Proportionate—"As God hath prospered him." Generous, careful, responsible, faithful.

Preventive—"That there be no gatherings when I come." No deficit, no interest on loans, no worry, no retrenchment.

This is God's own plan for financing the work of His Church on earth. 1 Cor. 16:2.—Selected.

Bishop Hamline said, "I would rather be Bramwell wrapped in my bear-skin and spitting blood upon the snow than to be Gabriel."

THE PRAYER MEETING

In the conduct of a prayer meeting the late Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, seemed an expert or adept. His weekly prayer service was a feast of fat things. From the time he rose to announce the opening hymn he seldom sat down, but stood like a captain with hand on the helm, watching every movement of his vessel. He said very little himself, but helped everybody else to feel at home and free to give utterance to the Spirit's inward moving. After the first hymn few if any hymns were announced. All that were sung were familiar, both as to words and tune, and, when started, were at once taken up by the whole assembly. Of course, as in all open meetings, there were occasionally some moths that would fly in the flame, obscuring the light and scorching their own wings; but he never attempted to "suppress" anyone. If any word was said, in prayer or remark, that was unscriptural, fanatical, or unspiritual, with rare tact he would repeat some text which corrected what was erroneous, or start some hymn which breathed the true spirit.

When asked if, by throwing open such large meetings to universal participation, he never had any serious trouble, his answer was, "I do not attempt to control a meeting; I consider the Holy Spirit as present and presiding, and I keep my hands off. If any brother speaks or prays too long, or not to edification, I commit it to the Lord; and if I think anyone should be suppressed I carry the case to Him, and ask Him to deal with it. The result is, I have seldom anything troublesome to worry about."—Selected.

"SANCTIFY THEM"

By Rev. C. E. Odermann

"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

- I. Sanctify them—whom? The eleven—and others.
 - A. The Father had given them to Jesus. v. 6.
 - B. Jesus had manifested the Father's name to them. v. 6.
 - C. They had believed:
 - 1 That the Father had sent Jesus. v. 8.
 - 2. On Jesus. v. 20
 - D. They had known:
 - 1. That the things Jesus had received were of the Father. v. 7.
 - 2. That Jesus (surely) had come from the Father. v. 8.
 - 3. That the Father had sent Him. v. 25.
 - E. Jesus was glorified in them. v. 10.
 - F. They had kept the Father's word. v. 6.
 - G. Jesus had kept them. v. 12
 - H. They were hated by the world because not of it. vs. 14, 16.
 - I. They were heirs of all that belonged to Jesus vs. 22, 24.
- II. Sanctify them—how?

"Thy truth—thy word—thy promise" (Luke 24: 49).
- III. Sanctify them—why? Necessary:
 - A. That they may be kept. vs. 11, 15, 24. (I. Thess. 5:23. Acts 11:14, 15, 10:6, 33; 11:17, 18).
 - B. That they may have joy. v. 13.
 - C. That they may be one. vs. 21-23, 26.
 - D. That they may convince the world. 18, 20, 21, 23.
- IV. Sanctify them—when? Urgent. Soon! v. 5, 11, 18-20.

"THE HUMAN MACHINE"

Engineers are prone to talk of the efficiency of modern machines. But no machine has ever been constructed so efficient as man himself. Where can we find a pump as perfect as the human heart? If the boss treats it right, it stays on the job for more than 600,000 hours, making 4,320 strokes and pumping 15 gallons an hour. We have no telegraphic mechanism equal to our nervous system; no radio so efficient as the voice and the ear; no cameras as perfect as the human eye; no ventilating plant as wonderful as the nose, lungs, and skin; and no electrical switchboard can compare with the spinal cord. Isn't such a marvelous mechanism worthy of the highest respect and the best care?—Floyd Parsons, in Readers Digest.

LETTING DOWN OUR STANDARDS

Looking at it one way, it would seem that all restraint is cast aside. The so-called "new" morality is sweeping the world.

Is there nothing wrong, when the United States has 225,000 more saloons than before prohibition?

Is there nothing wrong, when there are more girls employed as barmaids and entertainers than are attending our colleges?

Is there nothing wrong, when drunkenness has increased from fifty-five per cent to over 100 per cent?

Is there nothing wrong, when sixty-two per cent of our youth between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four are drinking?

Is there nothing wrong, when one must go hungry in a city, unless he eats where beer is sold?

Is there nothing wrong, when preachers, Sunday-school teachers and church leaders smoke?

Is there nothing wrong, when there is a murder committed every forty minutes and a robbery every ten minutes in the United States?

Is there nothing wrong, when the cost of crime has reached fifteen billion dollars a year?—Selected.

DOLOMIEU

Dolomieu, the great French geologist and mineralogist after whom the mineral specie dolomite is named, was a man of religion who never traveled without being accompanied by his much-loved Bible. In the year 1798 he was returning home to France from a trip of exploration in Egypt, when he was maliciously seized and imprisoned in a foul, pestilential dungeon in Naples, due to charges falsely placed against him by his political enemies. Deprived of everything save his Bible, he turned a piece of wood he found into a pen and, using the smoke from his cell-lamp as a substitute for ink, he wrote upon the margins of the great Book of books his celebrated treatise, "Sur la philosophie mineralogique et sur l'espece minerale," * * * and that in less than twenty-one months—War Cry.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church has its own job as much as a university, and the mission of the Church isn't to give you what you want, but what the Lord has to offer. The Church was founded by Christ to do that for which He intended it—to make men righteous that they might inherit eternal life, and that they might have it more abundantly.—Bishop Irving Peak Johnson.