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WE WILL NOT BE THERE

A book has been written by a minister's son (probably fact and fiction mixed). The general attitude of the writing is friendly toward the Christian faith, though some little fun is had at the expense of one who had some convictions. Also the author seems pleased when the former careful living of the hero is surrendered.

Now the book is filmed. A famous bishop is giving his blessing. He wants us to go to see the picture.

Well, some of us will not be going, primarily because the showing is to be in a movie theater. And why? Because—

1. The movie, as an institution, is a major promoter of crime in general, and in particular it promotes liquor-drinking, cigarette-smoking, gambling, Sabbath desecration, murder, robbery, immorality.

2. If we are Christians our money must not go to support such an institution even in its better movements and better showings.

3. If we are Christians our influence must not be on the side of the movie, for there are those who look to us. Perhaps some are not so wise as we or so discriminating. If we go to see the "good" movie we cannot blame the child or youth who, seeing us, goes to a movie that is not quite so good. And he will. We have no more right to go to the devil's movie house to see a "good" movie than we have to go to the saloon to drink a glass of "good" milk.—Free Methodist.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A certain party from a long distance away wrote the editor of the King's Highway about the foregoing mentioned book and also the film which is being shown in the movies in this province, and very recently in Saint John. The party who wrote us about it said it was a wonderful show and that about all good Christian people were seeing it and had only the highest praise for it. One good man said, it should be shown in every church and we learned recently that nearly all the preachers in Saint John (our preacher of course excepted), were attending this movie, and pronouncing it wonderful. The party who wrote us about it asked me to be sure to see it when it came our way. I wrote the person that I did not expect to see the show for if it was as good and clean and helpful as so many people thought, that in my estimation it was just so much bait being offered to the public by the movie institution to catch good thinking stupid people, and to induce them to attend the movies, that by their influence others would patronize them also. We told that person also that we had had some experience in trapping rats, and we found it comparatively easy to catch the young animals, but we also found some old wary ones that would not be caught for they would not touch the bait that we put out for them to entice them into the trap even when it was very good food, and we said in conclusion that we were like one of those old rats. Since

that time we read a synopsis of that book which the film was made from and found out exactly what it consists of and we are writing this to warn our readers of the danger of being fooled by this much talked of and very popular movie show.

The name of the book and show is "One Foot in Heaven" and as the writer in the foregoing article states it was written by the son of a Methodist preacher, who is telling of his father's experience when he stood true to the Methodist discipline and the teaching of the Word of God, and also describes his experience after the father had backslidden, and ceased preaching against sinful worldly pleasures such as theater going, card playing, and dancing, and even attended those places of sinful amusement himself.

The son tells how popular his father became with a certain class of people, and how glad he was to get away from the old-fashioned straight laced religion. He says a good many slighting things about people who try to live according to the commands of God; things which are calculated to please the world-loving, pleasure-seeking, carnal-minded professors of religion. When we read the book we could easily understand why that particular movie is being so well attended by so many church members. "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2-15. So our interpretation of "One Foot in Heaven" is this: If it is taken from real life, it was the life of a poor old backslidden preacher, and is a slur on real godly piety and calculated to please and secure the support of worldly-minded people for the moving pictures.

And we fear that instead of one foot in heaven, that when a man backslides from God and Bible teaching, unless he repents, he will slide into hell. No lover of God and truth can afford to give his or her support or lend their influence to such a demoralizing institution as the movies, even when they are dressed up in such attractive names as "One Foot in Heaven."

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"THE BREAD OF LIFE"

A cracker manufacturer of Hongkong encloses in each tin of his wares, shipped throughout China and the Netherlands Indies, a small paper on which is printed in four languages—Chinese, Javanese, Malay and English—the text, "Jesus said, I am the Bread of Life." When a representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society called on this man recently he showed him a drawer full of letters which he had received, asking for more information about this Jesus, "the Bread of Life." In reply, he always sends a copy of St. John's Gospel, with a personal testimony to its influence on his own life.—Alliance Weekly.

A miser grows rich by seeming poor; an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.—Shenstone.

CALLED TO HOLINESS

A special calling has been given to the churches of the holiness movement. It is a heritage bequeathed to us from early Methodism and the interdenominational movement. For its principal organization this last body of people had The National Association for the Promotion of Holiness which exists unto this day.

Throughout the passing years and the various vicissitudes of personnel and organization one point has been maintained, namely, that the doctrinal position regarding the teaching of holiness is Wesleyan. Herein has been clearly set forth the truth that the experience of entire sanctification is subsequent to conversion, an instantaneous work, whereby the heart is purified from sin and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Some other movements taking to themselves the designation "holiness" have appended certain additional phases, such as belief in divine healing and the personal return of Christ. In both of these we believe, but the fundamental element is the experience of the fullness of salvation. Healing may come as an overflow blessing of the atonement or it may be withheld. The personal return of Christ is the great hope of the Christian Church and a cardinal theological truth, but has not yet entered the realm of the experiential. We look for the day when Christ shall come again. In the meantime, however, we seek to fulfill our special calling in maintaining and promoting the experience of holiness.

Such is the sacred trust, and if we conserve this, when He comes, we will enter into the inheritance which awaits the children of God. To this trust we ever must be true, otherwise to others it will be given, and we shall be found wanting.—Herald of Holiness.

SEVEN BLESSINGS

Through the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord

1. We gain resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:22).
2. We gain redemption (1 Peter 1:18, 21).
3. We gain remission of sins (Heb. 9:22).
4. We gain the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7; 1 Cor. 6:19).
5. We gain regeneration (John 12:32, 33; 3:7).
6. We gain everlasting life (John 3:16).
7. We gain the right to a home in heaven (John 14:2, 3).—Bettie House.

I have lived a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?—Benjamin Franklin.