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EDITORIAL

WHEN THE GOOD BECOMES THE ENEMY OF THE BEST

(Continued)

There are many modern inventions which are good and in many instances are a blessing to mankind when used for legitimate purposes. Among these is the automobile. What a wonderful means of conveyance it has become! What a time saver to the business man, the doctor and farmer. See how it saves poor old Dobbin many a long hard jaunt. The automobile is surely a good thing when properly used. But when it is used as a means of pleasure especially on the Lord's Day; when it is used to take people away from the church and Sunday school, as is so often done in the summer time by so many, and because of it some churches close their doors for want of a congregation, and others are struggling along and the faithful pastor preaches to the faithful few, and gets only a small collection, because what he should have had, has gone to buy gas.

Again when the auto is in the hands of wicked or sinful people what a means of debauching the youth of our land it becomes; when in the hands of drinking drivers, what a means of destruction it becomes, hence, the thousands of lives which come to tragic ends on our highways every year. So when this modern invention is perverted to wrong uses, it becomes a great enemy to the best interests of mankind.

One more modern invention we would mention is the radio. This also is a means of blessing to many people who are confined to their homes by reason of illness or infirmities of age. These good people like to listen to the religious programs, good music, etc. But there is a great volume of talk and programs which come into homes where the radio is which is not so edifying. In fact there is much that comes over the air which is positively detrimental to spirituality, if not demoralizing.

There are good people who would not for one moment consider taking their children to the movies or to any theater, who allow them to listen daily, and more than once a day to the theatricals which come from Hollywood, and such places, and it seems that the grown-ups enjoy a little of the same entertainment themselves sometimes. The only difference that this writer can see between attending a worldly show in a theatre down town, and to listening to one in their home is, that the

one in the home does not cost them so much money.

We have known parents to let their children spend hours during the week listening to Big Sister, Aunt Susan and many other such like performers, whose names we cannot remember, and when the time came to go to the prayer meeting or revival meeting in the church, the children did not have time because they had to study their school lessons, or practice their music.

We often wonder what such parents, who profess to be Christians, and some who profess a very high state of grace, can expect to make of their boys and girls whose mental diet consists of such lowdown, cheap trash. The Bible says to parents: "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and again: "Train up the child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Parents, can we expect our children to grow up to be strong Christian men and women if we allow them to pasture in Hollywood?

Again I notice that there is a great deal of erroneous religious teaching on the air these days and that many Christian people are listening daily to preachers who are teaching "eternal security," or some other false doctrine. When we call their attention to the error the listeners say, yes, but they say a lot of good things which are scriptural. We reply, you would not eat from a loaf of bread if you knew that it had only a little poison in it, would you? The teaching of eternal security breeds carelessness in Christian living, the tendency is to feel that if I cannot be lost after I have been converted, then "Why worry?" And I think we have noticed also that when the devotees of these erroneous teachers have listened to them for a while that they gradually lose their desire for full salvation preaching, the kind that stirs them, and is calculated to keep them on the stretch for more of God. They find it easy to criticize the preacher of holiness for preaching doctrine and also to find an excuse to stay at home and listen to the radio instead of going to church and helping by their presence and prayers to support the local pastor. Of course the radio does not pass the collection plate.

So this most wonderful modern invention has become an enemy to the best interests of mankind: An enemy to his spiritual, his soul-welfare. Actors and actresses, whom we would not want our children to associate with, we bring right into our homes by way of the radio and let them entertain and instruct our family. What will the next generation be? Well, you say what can be done about it? We answer: Our Lord told us what to do.

Read the text again: "If thy hand or foot offend thee cut it off and cast it from thee." If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, etc. It is better to enter into life without these good things than to be cast into hell-fire. And we say if the radio offends pluck it out and cast it from thee. If I had a home, and a radio and could not keep Hollywood stuff out, and erroneous religious teaching out, I would put the radio set out. Let all the people say Amen.

TITHING HELPS ME

To avoid covetousness, which has been designated as the sin we are afraid to mention. Paul says, "The love of money is the root of all evil," and he classes the sin of covetousness with the vilest of sins. If I put God first in my money matters, setting aside at least

Temperance Column

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

BOOZE AND SMOKES FOR SOLDIERS

To profiteer on war while soldiers are risking, and in thousands of cases giving, their lives for our country has been considered almost if not quite crime.

But there is something worse. The decision that the booze business shall have access to the boys in the camps has been accepted with great rejoicing by the brewers who have declared to each other that "Now is the chance to fasten liquor habits upon these boys for life!" How is that for patriotism!

And now, we assume by the cunning of the cigarette companies, we have the "smokes for soldiers" movement. Your contribution to this fund is supposed to be patriotic!

An editorial note in the Christian Advocate is to the point:

"World War I saw hundreds of thousands of American young men victimized by the tobacco habit because of the generous impulses of good people. Mothers and sisters were urged to include a package of cigarettes in the comfort kits sent to the boys at the front. No one can know the physical cost to the nation's manhood that has resulted. Now, with another war looming on the horizon, the movement is on again. In city after city the campaign for 'smokes for soldiers' is in progress. Before any Methodist church, or group, takes any part in this 'patriotic drive,' let them read with care and respect the article 'Nicotine Knockout, or the Slow Count,' by Gene Tunney, former world's champion heavyweight prizefighter, in the December issue of Reader's Digest. Keep in mind the fact that Mr. Tunney is no reformer, crusader, or preacher. He is, however, one of the most famous athletes in the world. His indictment of the 'little white slaver' is one of the most bristling articles on the subject ever to come to our attention. It was possible to publish it in Reader's Digest because that periodical carries no paid advertising." It is interesting to hear from one who has not been paid to give a testimonial.

And please note that last sentence. We ought to know that most magazines and newspapers withhold the truth about liquor and tobacco because of the wealth they get from advertising. You see, the returns from such advertising is in part "hush money."

one-tenth, it makes it easier for me to conduct my daily business on principles of honesty, integrity, industry, and the Golden Rule.

To develop Christian character and loyalty to Christ and His Church. My primary reason for tithing is my own personal need. I must escape from things. My greatest obstacle to Christian growth is the menace of materialism. This conquered, I look for outlets for giving.

To be a partner with God in getting, saving, spending, giving and accounting. It elevates my talents, time, opportunities, business privileges, and keeps me from selfish hoarding. By sharing the thing I am most tempted to covet, I am enabled to fulfill life's real purpose—to tell the story and present the person of Christ to the world. Where my treasure, thought, time and interest are, there will my heart be. I must seek first the kingdom.—Selected.

He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.—R. W. Emerson.