

me] that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish [that meant me] but have everlasting life."

"Then and there I closed the affair. I believed the Word of God, and received Christ as my personal Saviour. I surrendered my life to Him who died for me, and began by His grace to live for others, because the love of Christ constrained me."

He was only Peter Stam the Dutch emigrant boy, but he was God's emigrant boy. He married a Christian girl and never forgot how it felt to be a stranger in a strange land. He founded "The Star of Hope Mission" that others like himself might find his Christ. Through the years only God who keeps the records knows how many lonely strangers found the Saviour precious to their souls through the efforts of the mission.

His large family all gave their hearts to the Lord and two of his sons went across the sea to heathen darkness with the precious Word, Harry Stam to Congo and John to China. Yes, you have guessed it, Peter Stam is the father of the martyred John Stam.

Would we speak to an emigrant boy if we thought our kindly deed would travel so far? Would we see that every emigrant boy and girl had a Bible if we thought our humble gift would profit so much for the kingdom?—Selected.

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Eternal God, Father of all souls,  
Grant unto us such clear vision of sin of war,  
That we may earnestly seek that co-operation  
between nations  
Which alone can make war impossible.  
As man by his inventions has made the whole  
world  
Into one neighborhood.  
Help us to break down all race prejudice.  
Stay the greed of those who profit by war, and  
The ambitions of those who seek an imper-  
ialistic conquest  
Drenched in blood.  
Guide all statesmen to see a just basis  
For international action in the interests of  
peace.  
Arouse in the whole body of the people an  
adventurous willingness;  
As they sacrificed greatly for war,  
So also, for international good-will;  
So dare bravely, think wisely, decide resolute-  
ly,  
As to achieve triumphantly.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick, from  
"These Things Shall Be."

#### CHILD TRAINING

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"Train up a child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old he will not depart from it."  
—Prov. 22:6.

Initiate the child at the opening of his path. Beg incessantly the blessing of God on all this teaching and discipline (the duties, the dangers, and the blessings of the path); and then you have obeyed the injunction of the wisest of men.—Clarke.

Childhood is the springtime of life when the seed of truth must be sown in the heart if there is to be a harvest of golden grain in the maturer years. Just as neglected opportunities for seed-sowing in early spring mean loss to the farmer, so the neglect of child training will bring its aftermath of disappointment and heartache. A child responds

readily to religious training, for every human being has an inner nature that reaches out after God. The spiritual senses may be so dulled through neglect, or may be so abused and distorted by false teaching that the maturer years find the individual with a hardened heart that resembles the sun baked ground of the farmer's unploughed field in September. The time for seed-sowing is early spring; the time for teaching and training is childhood.

The result of careful training is clearly illustrated in the life of Abraham and his descendants. Standing outside the doomed city of Sodom, the Lord said of this great man of faith: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." These words were spoken nearly 3850 years ago and Abraham's children are still walking according to the rules laid down by the "father of the faithful." Their religion may be only formal, but they furnish evidence of the force of teaching and training.

The great need of our day is illustrated by the crime wave that is sweeping over the world. Judge H. S. Mott, of Toronto, Canada, had 1225 boys brought before him in one year charged with crime. Judge Mott believes a lack of religious training in the home is responsible for this vast army of youthful criminals. When God gave the ten commandments to His people, He said: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7. The judge is right. Religion in the home could have saved 1225 boys from a criminal record, a life of disgrace and sin in this world, and eternal consequences beyond the grave.

Records show that out of 55,000 children under the age of sixteen who had fallen into the hands of the police in New York City, only one-sixth had ever heard of the ten commandments. The same test was made in high schools and 75 per cent of the pupils could write nothing about the ten commandments. A generation ago the public schools were doing Sunday School work; the Bible was read every morning, followed by prayer: Christian morals were extolled. The Church must meet this great emergency and supply the great need of Bible teaching among the children of this present generation.

Our present hope in reaching the children with the message of life is through the Sunday School. This generation must not pass without a knowledge of God. The streets of our large cities swarm with children. New York state alone has 5,000,000 between the ages of five and eighteen who do not attend Sunday school anywhere. D. L. Moody started his work in Chicago on a vacant lot where he taught the children. No, it is not license to preach that we need—it is a heart of compassion for lost souls. A card that costs less than a penny may induce some child to attend a Sunday school, and the final result be a Christian home and Heaven in the end.

When we find facts from prison records that show that less than 2 per cent of criminals ever attended church or Sunday school, it stirs our hearts to go into lanes and highways to search for the children who will be the men and women of tomorrow. It was twelve years of work in the slums that drove the writer into the work of trying to save the

children. In a large mission in one of our great American cities there were seekers at the altar every night. In a year the writer did not find one man who could say he came from a Christian home. In an institution that housed 1,800 unfortunate inmates not one was found that had been a regular attendant at Sunday school. Save the child and he is safe for two worlds!—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

#### WHY GOD USED MOODY

One reason why God continuously, through so many years, used D. L. Moody was because he was a humble man.

I think Moody was the humblest man I ever knew in all my life. He loved to quote the words of another: "Faith gets the most, love works the most, but humility keeps the most." He himself had the humility that keeps everything it gets. As I have already said, he was the most humble man when we bear in mind that which was lavished upon him. Oh, how he loved to put himself in the background and put the other men in the foreground. How often he would stand on a platform with some of us little fellows seated behind him and as he spoke he would say: "There are better men coming after me." As he said it, he would point back over his shoulder with his thumb, to the "little fellows."

Mr. Moody loved to keep himself in the background. At his conventions, he would push the other men to the front and, if he could, have them do all the preaching.

Oh, how many a man has been full of promise and God has used him, and then the man thought that he was the whole thing and God was compelled to set him aside! I believe more promising workers have gone on the rocks through self-sufficiency and self-esteem than through any other cause. I can look back for forty years, or more, and think of many men who are wrecks or derelicts who at one time the world thought were going to be something great. But they have disappeared entirely from the public view. Why? Because of over-estimation of self. Oh, the men and women who have been put aside because they began to think that they were somebody, that they were "it," and therefore God was compelled to set them aside.—Dr. R. A. Torrey.

#### ASK THE SINNER: HE KNOWS

Writing of a certain movie production, a correspondent of a New York City newspaper wrote: "It does more to bring cheapness and degradation to those who come within its malign influence than any mechanical invention since the arrival of the colored light. It softens intelligence, breaks down integrity, destroys sensitivity, and cheapens most of the things in people it touches. Hollywood has not simply been taken over by men and women inherently lacking in intelligence: It has captured people who have possessed these qualities to splendid degree, and then has proceeded to destroy these virtues."

My friend, an avowed sinner, said to me, "I attended the movie last week. As I was coming out, the — preacher was just ahead of me. The manager of the house at the door said to him, 'How did you like it?' The preacher said, 'Fine.'" Then the sinner said to me, "I say, it was rotten."

Still there are church members who wonder why any people should take a position against the movie. Let him ask the sinner. He knows!—Free Methodist.