

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MODERN PROBLEMS

A problem of first magnitude faces the Christian home with the advent of television. With its emphasis on low comedy, the addition of sight to sound in the flood of cigarette and liquor advertising, its programs designed to entertain the masses, will TV be a lifting or a degrading force? Will its demands on our time consume hours needed for good reading and other wholesome activities? What will it do to church attendance and the sanctity of the Lord's Day? These questions will have to be faced by all who consider adopting this intriguing pastime.—Dr. R. M. Lowell.

Through eye-gate as well as ear-gate a flood of filth is pouring into multitudes of homes by way of television. Television programs have an increasing trend toward violence. Pathfinder says that a formal protest was lodged recently against the black record of one week's programs in the Los Angeles area: "91 murders, 7 holdups, 3 kidnappings, 10 thefts, 4 burglaries, 2 jail breaks, 1 murder by explosion, 2 suicides, 1 blackmailing. 'Too numerous to mention' were brawls, assault and battery, drunkenness, crooked sheriffs, crooked judges."

Christain homes must build up a mighty bulwark against this subtle invasion into them of the theater. Be sure your homes have plenty of good Christian and Missionary biography. Truth is still stranger and stronger than fiction.—The Prairie Overcomer.

Television has increased the problems of parents and educators of young children. Hours now being spent by children in front of TV screen constitute a serious loss of time and energy because current programs provide little information or inspiration. They take children away from good books and keep them from engaging in creative cultural activities. Already surveys have shown TV is causing some children's classroom records to fall. Some parents fear that the "realistic" crime shows on TV are injuring children's health and minds. Some TV networks are becoming aware of such problems and efforts will doubtless be made to raise the standard of the programs.—T. Star.

SEXOLOGY GONE TO SEED

In The Republican-Courier, Findlay, Ohio, July 1, there appeared a syndicated article by Dr. George W. Crane which reaches a new level for down right stupidity or depravity. It would take someone with the vitriolic language of a Westbrook Peglar to properly describe the repulsive level to which this supposedly smart man has descended in order to vilify those who enjoy old time religion.

An unnamed man supposedly wrote asking what to do since his wife has become so religious that she sits around much of the day reading her Bible or playing at the piano. "She seems to be obsessed with her new faith," was his comment.

Dr. Crane replied: "Don't feel shocked when I tell you that religious fanaticism is often evidence of inadequate sexual adjustment . . . St. Paul was a religious fanatic when he persecuted the Christians . . . So was Joan of Arc and Adolph Hitler . . . In all my extensive experience, I have never seen a fanatic who was not sexually maladjusted." I should not quote more for this is a closely copyrighted article. But there is more than a column of such garbage.

I presume all would have been normal and scientifically correct had the woman in question sat around and smoked at least one package of cigarettes daily, spent about two hours at a club, playing cards for money, then finished the day in a roadhouse drinking and dancing. Because she read the Bible and sang hymns she was a sexual introvert.

This sort of slush is being peddled in the name of advance traing. It harks from the jungle, and will produce only confusion among normally adjusted people. It is a slap at supernatural religion, and maligns all that is worthy of retension in our civilization.

America is sexually perverted, not because of too much religion but because there is too much plain animalism turned loose upon us in the name of advance training by such men as Dr. Crane.

This makes me sick. I protest against using our newspapers and radio to slander or traduce anyone who, in his religious fervor, rises above the common level. Dr. Crane says of religion:

"True religion should not be a fanatical deviation from the normal, but a logical and scientific code of conduct."

This certainly places Jesus Christ in the category of a religious fanatic. Martin Luther, John Knox, John Wesley were all religious fanatics who were sexually maladjusted, according to this self-appointed judge of religious things.

Shutting the eyes to such wholly irrational attacks upon religion may make it look like a wink. God save us from swallowing such hog-wash in the name of advance training.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

REV. A. D. CANN

With pride we announce the addition of Rev. A. D. Cann to our faculty. Rev. Mr. Cann comes to Bethany from Hartland, New Brunswick, where he has just completed a seven-year pastorate. In pastoral work Brother Cann has been blessed and has realized a marked degree of success.

Mr. Cann's school life began in his native province of Nova Scotia. There he graduated from the Port Maitland High School and passed the Junior Matriculation Examinations. Later Mr. Cann attended Lorne Park College, Port Credit, Ontario. Here he studied under the internationally-known Dr. Peter Wiseman. Mr. Cann left Lorne Park with a diploma from the theological department and several hours credit towards a college degree. This summer Mr. Cann will continue his study at the Winona Lake School of Theology in Indiana.

BY OUR UNITED EFFORT

By all the people who profess this second blessing working together, we can raise up leadership and train preachers and seek out and recruit youth for active places of service. In the marts of trade, by tongue and pen, in our schools and colleges, in the affairs of men and nations, let us strive to emphasize this belief and make the influence of organized holy people a force to be felt in all walks of life.

This is a day of collectivism when the weight of numbers alone seems to impress the powers that be. It is not the opinion of this writer that we should work for organic union. Too many mergers are like the snake swallowing the frog. The smaller is completely absorbed by the larger. Leaders merge. Local congregations do not. One sorry fact of history is that movements of our kind, result not

in bringing interdependent institutions together for a common purpose, but in the formation of a new denomination. We best advocate cooperation. Our interrelated colleges, churches, auxiliaries, and missionary endeavors must work together. It is a question as to whether we quarrel with each other and get ten percent of what we want, or cooperate and get ninety percent of what we want.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

THE GLORY OF BEING HELPFUL

J. B. Chapman

A man of reputation was in difficulty. I chanced into a company of his acquaintances and overheard their comments concerning him. Some condemned him most unmercifully, and the others did not rebuke them. Some appeared to be altogether indifferent as to how the poor unfortunate sinner came out. But finally one man spoke in his favor, and with pathos and fervor pleaded for consideration for the man in the meshes.

After the conversation had turned to other subjects, I cast about a little for my own enlightenment. I took up conversation with the wanderer's defender, and cautiously inquired as to why the men of the company seemed so wanting in tenderness toward the man in question. Had he done something wicked or unfair to each of them personally? Why do they all seem to be so void of feeling in his behalf? The defender pointed out to me one and then another of the critics and told how in every case the man now so much in need of friends had befriended these who were now his judges and critics. This continued until I began to feel that I was in the midst of a band of Brutuses who were stabbing the Caesar who had been friend to them all, and I fell to musing upon the inhumanity of men.

Then I bethought me of the man before me, and inquired as tactfully as I could in what way the man in trouble had befriended him. In answer to my gentle urge my new friend gave a somewhat detailed account of his acquaintance with the man now in trouble, and I listened in vain for any instances in which the man in trouble had really befriended his present defender. The defender was not boastful, but in a straightforward manner told of the instances in which he had been the friend of the man whose cause he now championed. I could see nothing particular the other had done except to become the recipient of the favors of the man who now stood up for him against so many accusers.

Then I thought of myself. For whom do I feel ready to make the warmest plea? And I discovered that it is not always the man who has done me favors, but in many instances it is the one in whom I have at one time or another invested a kind deed or a friendly word. I owe much to those who have helped me, but those whom I have helped are my glory. And so I made up my mind to this: when I find someone in whom I have little interest, I am going to do that person a kind deed, I am going to pray for him with earnest prayer, I am going to make some sort of investment in him. After that, I will be concerned for his well-being. I cannot dislike those who have been the recipients of my favors, for they are the ones who have enabled me to climb up to the highest possible position—the position of giver. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Herald of Holiness.