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## EDITORIALS

### RIGHTEOUSNESS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

History teaches us that in countries where the Bible is a sealed book there anarchy flourishes. It took a Kisheniff massacre to produce an Aurbuoh. The Bible is a universal book. It ranges over the world as the atmosphere pours around the earth equally at home in all climates and on all continents.

Few books can be carried from the Occident to the Orient, or from the Orient to the Occident, and still retain their interest. A change of civilization kills them as a change of climate is fatal to some animals. But the Bible though it is an Oriental Book has yet penetrated into the western mind and heart as no other book has done.

Not many books can stand translation without some loss of clearness of thought and depth of feeling, but the Bible retains its color fresh and vivid in any language, even in rude heathen tongues. Many books are limited in their interest to select narrow class but the Bible speaks to humanity and finds an audience in every mind and heart. It has equal welcome for the rich and the poor, picturesque stories for little child and depths beyond the profoundest philosopher. There is a growing apprehension that something is wrong with our people morally, the many crimes of violence throughout the whole country reported from day to day cause us to shudder with terror. The forcible robberies, the sneak thieves and the astounding defalcations show that multitudes of men are dishonest and are only waiting for an opportunity to steal. Too many are ready to kill and if a little excited or drunk will take life without compunction. Crimes against the weaker sex, in city and country, north and south, show that the brute has the upper hand and that conscience lies dormant in many a heart. What shall be done about it? How shall crime be repressed, vice diminished, and the persons and property of our people be made secure? The police of at least one great city assert that they are powerless to secure safety for the people. Crimes are being committed in secret and unexpected places and in so many different ways that it seems to call for a policeman to guard each family while at home and to accompany each individual while away from home. The safety of the people depends on the virtuous and honorable character of all individuals of the nation. The facts show that we have seriously deflected from this coedition. Society is infested with vicious ones ready to become criminals at a moment's opportunity. What shall be done? It is time for our whole nation to wake up to the importance of securing moral health and character for our receptive community. We must see to it that every member of our nation is trained in morality. If we cannot train the adults

we must at least go to work and safeguard ourselves by training the entire community of children or we will be irretrievably overwhelmed.

The children in all our schools, public, private and parochial, must be taught the principles of moral life. Many of them are carefully trained or are supposed to be so, in religious homes, and yet out of many of these come men and women to break unblushingly all the commandments. Many of these children are in church schools, but our prisons show that a very large per cent of their inmates come from the membership of a body which lays great stress on its parochial schools.

It is increasingly and emphatically impressed upon us that we must go right down to fundamental principles all over this broad land of ours and see that the commandments of God are clearly and forcefully taught to all members of the oncoming generations. There is no time for trifling. Something must be done, and that the right and the best thing. Of course our churches are at work to give instruction and to tone up the conscience of the nation, but there are multitudes that never darken the doors of our churches.

Our Sabbath schools are doing something, our various Christian associations are joining in hopefully, but there are millions of people who are not under the influence of these divine institutions.

We must have better moral training in our schools. There has been too much deference paid to the disorganized forces of the nation in this matter. Infidelity, unbelief, irreligion, immortality, anarchism, atheism, and all the paralyzing hosts of every name have cried out against the reading of the Bible in our public schools. It is not the desire to teach sectarianism in our schools but the Bible must be honored there throughout the length and breadth of our nation or we are going to see a generation grow up with increasing disregard for good morals and increasing tendencies to evil. Unless we are to degenerate like other nations that have morally decayed and perished, we must see that our children are trained to know the teachings of the Bible.

### LOYAL SERVICE.

We are all workers, one for the other and the following well-put views by Hubbard, are also less applicable to publishers and employing printers than to journeymen. It is not only business wisdom to rightly, loyally effectively serve customers, readers and advertisers but it is a duty that, well performed, brings highest satisfaction with permanent success that is above all temporary gain. "If you work for a man in heaven's name work for him. If he pays you wages that supply you

bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him, and stand by the institute he represents. I think if I worked for a man I would work for him. I would not work for him a part of the time, but all the time. I would give an undivided service or none. If put to a pinch an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

"If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long as you are a part of the institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself, and don't forget—I forget won't do in business."

### WHAT A GREAT MAN SAYS.

The late Hon. David Davis once said: "Each year every local paper gives from \$100 to \$5,000 in tree lines for the benefit of the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The local editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than an other ten men, and in fairness, man with man, he ought to be supported, not because you happen to like him or admire his writings; but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliant or crowded with great thoughts, but financially it is more of a benefit to a community than a preacher or a teacher. Understand us now, we do not mean morally or intellectually, but financially, and yet on the moral question you will find the majority of local papers do the most work for the least money of any men on earth. Subscribe for your paper, not as a charity but as an investment."

### AGE AND HUMAN USEFULNESS

At what age are men at their best? The pessimistic theory attributed to Doctor Osler, which he afterward repudiated, that the golden age is thirty-five, or thereabouts, that it is followed inevitably by waning powers, and that there should be provision for chloroforming all who threaten to survive the age of sixty, has never had many serious adherents, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. It is generally conceded that thirty-five is rather the beginning than the end of the prime of life, and that the vigorous human individual who lives sanely and cheerfully may do more in some important fields of activity after he has acquired the ripe judgment that comes with experience than in the heyday of the thirties and forties. Dr. T. M. Crothers of Hartford, Conn., has come forward with a declaration that is quite as interesting as the one Doctor Osler disowned, and that ought to attract equally wide attention. He says that "there are many reasons for believing that we carry around with us greater powers, and unknown energies which are seldom used, and that in old age appeal to these powers may give a certain vigor entirely unexpected, which lengthens our life and practically overcomes disease." He also says that "the man past sixty and from that on to eighty ought to be at his very best because life is then no experiment, and he has attained a position where he can use all his powers to the best advantage." Doctor Crothers insists that there is no theory in this, but that it "is sustained by a great variety of facts which fortunately are becoming more realized as the years go by."

A hunter in Pennsylvania peppered a boy with shot, mistaking him for a squirrel. Aviators had better be careful at this season, or this species of hunter may aim at an aeroplane, mistaking it for a sparrow.

### Problem In Strong Food.

Whatever may be the outcome of the proposed legislation to regulate cold storage of foodstuffs, the one consideration of human health should be kept in mind above everything else. If it is, a just law may be obtained, and if it guides further in the enforcement of the law there need be no more trouble, says the Omaha Bee. How long quantities of food or foodstuffs should be kept in storage or in what volume ought not to give serious difficulty if all interests are in earnest about conserving people's health. It is a matter of social economy, first, industrial last. It should never be possible for articles of food to be kept in storage until they are impaired so that they may menace the lives of consumers. No financial consideration should be great enough to outweigh this one object. It is all nonsense to say that experts in cold storage cannot tell how long each commodity may stand the process. The purpose primarily of the cold storage system was a good one, and if it was faithfully carried out it would have a very helpful influence on the householder's pocketbook and health alike. But the primary purpose was not to facilitate speculation. And the law should be so framed as to see that men do not gamble in these necessities of life, both to the physical and financial injury of the consumer.

### ART OF DRESSING.

The way to be artistically gowned is to discover one's best feature and then dress up to it. This law has been laid down to the class in artistic costume which was recently added to the fine arts department of the New York Teachers' college, and the instructor, who formerly designed for a Fifth avenue dressmaker, applies it to emphasize the importance of developing one's individuality, says the Boston Transcript. "If you have attractive eyes," says the expert, "make the most of them by your style of dress. If your hair is your sole claim to beauty, the tone of the dress should be such as to make the hair seem to beautify the entire face. If the pink of your cheeks is shining in its delicacy choose some complementary shade for your dress." Conversely, unattractive features—a prominent nose, eyes that squint or a too ample mouth—should be "dressed down," and the expert affirms that such features may be subdued and better features given prominence if one knows the secret of the new art of beauty. These secrets are to be imparted, it is understood, before the winter is over. "Any woman," whether a member or not, may pose before the class, which will frankly discuss her good points and poor ones and plan an artistic costume of the proper fabric and the most becoming color, on the lines best suited to her figure.

### RODENTS IN FRISCO.

San Francisco is being "ratproofed." The word has become part of the San Franciscan vocabulary, like "water-proofing," and refers to a style of brick and concrete architecture that is enforced by condemnation proceedings in portions of the city until now the centers of rat population. Eighteen months have passed since the last capture of a rat afflicted with the bubonic plague—the "black death" of history, which fleas borne by the rats spread to human hosts. But the fight to exterminate the rodents goes on, says the New York Times. According to the report of Dr. J. M. Converse of the United States public health and marine hospital service, the sewers are being poisoned and the rats are being caught in cages and snap traps at the rate of 8,600 monthly. In Butchertown, in the congested Japanese quarters, and in the wholesale fruit and produce section of the town, the ramshackle buildings are being ratproofed in their basements or entirely replaced with solid structures. By and by every American city may be ratproofed, tick-proofed and mosquito-proofed, until these death dealing vermin are utterly destroyed.

### LAKE CO., CENSUS SHOWN AS 55,058

According to a special dispatch to the Waukegan Gazette from Washington, the population of Lake County, according to the official census taken this year, is 55,058. This is 20,551 more persons than were given in the census of 1900.

### CANDY SALES FALLING OFF.

"This feminine craze for being slender has knocked the bottom out of our business," said the man in charge of a downtown branch of a big candy concern. "Some men who were good for at least \$10 worth of candy each week never come inside the door now, and when I see them trudging past the store with a package of fruit I made up my mind their wives and daughters or sweethearts have taken a stand against candy. One man with a wife and four daughters, who used to be a splendid customer, told me the other day that he'd as soon come home with a viper as with a 5-pound box of candy, although a year ago he used to buy two 5-pound boxes each week, says the New York Sun. We notice the same difference in small sales to women employed in offices. There's not half the number of calls for half-pound boxes, though our sales of sweet chocolate are always big, as lots of business women nibble it instead of taking a regular luncheon. The continual running in of office boys to execute commissions for the stenographers and telephone operators is getting to be a thing of the past, and lemon drops are about the only sweets these business girls will eat. Every mother's daughter seems to be dead set against gaining an ounce of flesh, and until it's fashionable to be plump again I suppose we'll notice this difference in sales."

From Wisconsin has come a wall at the dense ignorance concerning geography with which high and preparatory school graduates come up to the university. Recent tests made by the department of geology in first year physiography classes have developed difference of opinion among the freshmen as to whether the Rhine is in Asia or South America, has developed an astounding lack of information as to the location of such cities as Vienna, Venice, Lisbon and Hongkong, and in trying to tell the whereabouts of the Pyrenees, Caucasus, Himalaya and Sierra Nevada mountains and Mount McKinley, almost half missed two or three out of the five, says the Chicago Evening Post. In fact, in the examination, which included only such questions as any fairly informed person should know, only one-sixth of the 103 freshmen tested were recorded as making a satisfactory showing.

The hobbies of the rich collectors are sometimes as silly as those of the street boy. A French banker who died recently left a collection of 63,000 cigar bands, each differing in some particular from the others. These had cost him fifty years of smoking, and had been arranged systematically in a number of specially constructed cabinets. None of his children shared his taste, so it was decided to sell the bands. When put up to auction the collection which had entailed the expenditure of so much time and money realized twenty francs. The children would have preferred fifty years of cigars.

Wonders never cease. A woman in Minneapolis is suing for a divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment because her husband persists in kissing her too often and ardently. And others complain because they are never kissed. No wonder the poor men have been trying unsuccessfully to strike a happy medium since the world started.

A man in Washington lit a cigar while holding a bag of gunpowder in his hand. He shared the usual fate of the man who persists in spite of warning and experience in looking for a gas leak with a naked light. When fools prepare the train of events it is generally the expected which happens.

The man who insists on having bacon for breakfast every morning will be under suspicion of having found a substitute for the automobile in the function of making a display of his enormous wealth.

London has imported an edible monkey from Peru. New York will wait to see how London likes it before it imports one, too.

Boston is developing a taste for shark meat. There is some uneasy feeling in Wall street lest the taste spread to Gotham.

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