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BAPTISTS ARE GETTING READY FOR CONVENTION

The Menacing Trio

By C. A. Hornburg

Question?

What shall the church do about these? The masses patronize them. One says denounce them. Another says ignore them. Still another says nothing can be done.

This little booklet attempts to treat them. Read it thoughtfully.

Discipline

To the average church member the word "discipline" simply means the arraignment of the wrong doer before the church tribunal to account for his misdeeds. To the more thoughtful it may mean at least the employment of scriptural methods for the restoration of the offender.

The fact of the matter is discipline covers the whole scope of shepherding, and its wisest and most proficient application is administered on the principle of "An ounce of preventative" instead of "A pound of cure." When the church recognizes this fact she will begin at the bottom and work up instead of starting at the top to hew down.

From time immemorial Evangelical churches have held to certain prohibitive rules and requirements for the regulation of conduct. Cleanliness of church character is one of the high and definite notes in the scriptural injunction. Now we command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly; 2 Thes. 3-6. Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump; 1 Cor. 5-7. Put away the wicked man from among yourselves, verse 13. Be not ye therefore partakers with them; Eph. 5:7. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them, verse 11. Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world; John 15:19. Concerning the offending brother: let him be unto you as a heathen, Matt. 18:17. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one, in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted; Gal. 6:1.

By these and like scriptures, the plain duty of the church in matters of discipline, as it relates to the erring member, is clearly defined. But they are only the basis upon which the church is to build the orderly framework of a Christ-like character, which should distinguish His visible body on earth.

The Decalogue is truly the basis of all law, but with each passing day since Moses received the Ten Commandments they have been amplified, defined and applied, in the form of new laws, to meet the changing conditions in the process of man's advancement.

The Church Should Define

The kingdom of Christ is a heavenly kingdom. It is therefore not of this world. The church, which is the visible expression of His kingdom, should be the expression of His will, and the principles of which He is the embodiment; not only in the faith professed and in the doctrines taught; but by the behavior of those who constitute its membership. The followers of Christ are "Epistles, known and read of all men."

The doctrines of the Bible are being taught with greater zeal than ever before. Every available agency is being pressed into service. Aside from the Bible itself, many text books on Evangelism, Stewardship and the like are being taught; so the lack of intelligent Christian service is inexcusable. But while the church, as much as the ever was, is bound

by the laws of Christian Discipleship in Conduct; she is making little or no effort to enforce them; and is making no attempt to analyze and explain them, as they apply to modern social conditions.

This is both unwise and unfair. Great numbers of conscientious people unwittingly engage in things that provoke criticism, and that are harmful to themselves and to the interests of the church, whereas, if the church had defined her attitude and exposed the evils of these things, the temptation, the embarrassment and the dissention would have been avoided.

True—the diversions demanding attention are legion. It would be a fine work if some eminent writer would prepare a text book on "Modern Social Evils and Their Treatment" for the use of the churches in class work.

It is my purpose at this time to simply consider, what I choose to call "The Menacing Trio," as heretofore indicated.

The discussion is prefaced by the urgent requirements of the scripture in matters pertaining to the conduct of church members; by the obligation thus imposed in the church to supervise and regulate said conduct and by the multiplicity of diversions, some of which are more or less difficult of discrimination; and the necessity arising therefrom that the church should define and expose the evils thereof for the information of her members.

Revolution

We live in a new day, a day of invention and discovery, when men have been forced from traditional paths into the pronouncement of new views about most everything. We are afflicted with a mysterious psychology which no one seems to understand and which threatens the basic principles of American civilization.

Because of the attacks made by the champions of so-called "New Thought" upon the cherished doctrines of Christianity, evangelical congregations everywhere are redefining the tenets of their faith, and a war with both tongue and pen is being waged to an epochal end.

Moral Degeneracy

Co-temporary with this invasion there is a wave of sentiment that tends to lower the standard of morality and eradicate the traditional lines of distinction between the church and the world, by popularizing certain diversions, and advocating complete departure from beaten paths of former days.

Sex

The strongest and most far reaching promoter of this sentiment are the modern dance, the motion picture and the bathing beach. The dissipation which they invite most beseechingly and promote most alarmingly is the debasing appeal to the sex, and the awakening of unholy sexual ambitions.

Standards

As a preventative against social sins certain standards of morality, by which to govern the conduct of the sexes toward each other have been cherished by the better and more enlightened classes of people in all times. But there is prevalent in these times a growing sentiment that would abolish hitherto cherished standards encourage unrestrained freedom of the sex and mock the saving principles that have forever been the crowning glory of American womanhood, the characteristic chivalry of American manhood and the toning leaven of Christian society the world over.

Evidences

That this degenerating tendency is increasingly prevalent is evidenced by the fact that practices heretofore condemned by all careful people are now being in-

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San Antonio has not entertained the Baptist General Convention for Texas since 1907. It is time for the Baptists of Texas to see San Antonio again. We doubt if Baptist work has made any greater progress in any city in the South than it has in San Antonio since 1907. The Baptists of Texas will be surprised to see the progress it has made. From eight to ten thousand messengers and visitors are expected to attend that convention. The meeting will begin on Nov. 17 and close on Nov. 20. The Women's Missionary Union will hold their meeting from Nov. 15 to 17 in the First Baptist Church. The Pastors' and Laymen's Conference will hold their meeting in the First Presbyterian Church. These meetings will precede the convention.

The attendance on the convention is very large and in order to get through in the allotted time the convention has to hurry from beginning to end. We wish there was some way to avoid this rush. We are wondering if more of the reports could not be digested by committees before they are brought to the convention. We are also wondering if a great many interests could not be grouped together, and discussed under one head. For instance, there are ten schools belonging to the convention. Couldn't one report cover all of them and this report be published and only a summary of it read at the convention? Let one man who can do it give a great address on Christian education. It should not be the same man every year. We have many educators in Texas who could greatly inspire the convention with a great address on education. Using a different one every year, the thought would always be fresh, and the language new.

Why read the entire report of the Executive Board? A brief summary would be very interesting. I had much rather hear Dr. Gronner or someone he should select make a great speech on state missions or Baptist work in Texas, or some such subject. During the convention one speech could be made on hospitals, another on the orphan's home, etc.

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REV. T. C. LANG REPRESENTS THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS BAPTIST

It is with pleasure that we announce to our readers that Bro. T. C. Lang will represent the Southwest Texas Baptist in San Antonio and the surrounding country. His wide experience and large acquaintance in this section especially fit him for this work. He is one of the best known and most loved preachers in all this section and will find a welcome wherever he goes. It is our hope that pastors and churches will give him an opportunity to take subscriptions when he comes to see them.

Bro. Lang is one of our truest and best men and we feel that the Southwest Texas Baptist is fortunate in securing his services.

Until recently he was pastor of the Los Angeles Heights Baptist Church of this city which he organized and which grew from a small beginning to one of the vigorous and progressive churches in the city.

Thomas A. Edison is quoted recently that he thinks that the indications are fair for the existence of a soul. Heretofore he has expressed himself against the idea.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance

Multiformed by Frank E. Burkhalter, Nashville, Tennessee.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance was held in its offices at the Baptist Church House, London, on Wednesday, September 8, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president.

Representatives of America, Australia, China, India and South Africa, as well as of Great Britain and the continent of Europe were present, and many important questions were dealt with.

The committee received with deep satisfaction the announcement that, following its approach to the British Government, permission had been given for the return of German Baptist missionaries to their fields of labor in that part of the Cameroons now administered by Britain.

It was decided that the existing organizations of women and young people which, though seeking to carry on work of a world-wide character have at present no formal connection with the Alliance, should be organically united with it, and instructions were given for the drafting of the necessary amendments to the constitution with a view to securing their effective incorporation at the Toronto Congress of 1928.

Mr. Mullins outlined his proposals for the preparation of a Baptist film. His suggestions were received with enthusiasm and two sub-committees were appointed to report at the adjourned Executive meeting on the 24th of October—one on the editing of the film and the other on the raising of the necessary funds.

Observe Bunyan Anniversary

Prolonged consideration was given to arrangements for the World Congress to be held in Toronto during the last week of June, 1928. The program was surveyed as a whole, and it was decided to include a celebration of the tercentenary of John Bunyan and to arrange an "exhibit" to assist where necessary the attendance of delegates from European continental countries. Other questions concerning the Congress were postponed to the adjourned meeting.

The world tour which Dr. Mullins is undertaking was discussed, and the president was urged to give sympathetic consideration to the invitations from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa to visit these fields in the course of next year.

The serious destruction of church property in the Bahamas due to the recent hurricane was reported, and the Committee resolved to communicate with the American Baptist Conventions inviting them to render any possible assistance in the work of restoration.

A resolution on religious freedom was adopted for transmission to the new government of Rumania.

A message was forwarded to Dr. Shakespeare expressing appreciation of his services to the Alliance and sympathy with him in his illness.

Among those present were both the secretaries of the Alliance—Dr. Rushbrooke (Eastern) and Dr. Clifton Gray (Western); Doctors Gill and Lewis (U. S. A.), Dr. Blstrom (Sweden), Dr. Whittinghill (Italy), Rev. B. Gawthrop (Australia). The British members attended in full strength including Dr. Bloomfield, Dr. Carlie, the Rev. Gilbert Laws, Dr. Whitley (recording secretary), and the Rev. C. E. Wilson, who represents India on the Committee.

Among the holders of proxies for overseas members were Miss Bowser, the Rev. M. E. Aubrey, Dr. Ewing, Rev. W. V. Fullerton, Mr. J. Wallis Goddard, Dr.

Fletcher Moorshead, and Mr. H. L. Taylor. Mrs. F. C. Spurr and Mrs. Rose attended as a deputation on behalf of the Woman's Committee and the Rev. E. E. Hayward for the Young People's Union.

BUCKNER ORPHANS HOLD THEIR REUNION

Last Sunday afternoon, with simple ceremonies, the stone base on which is to stand the life-sized bronze statue of Dr. R. C. Buckner, was unveiled. Two little tots of the orphanage, Ethel Livingston, and her brother, Douglas, pulled the strings that withdrew the veil from the stone pedestal. The unveiling was witnessed by between 300 and 400 of the present wards of the institution and the Buckner Home Alumni, who held their annual home-coming at the home Saturday and Sunday.

The invocation was given by Dr. J. B. Cranfill. Speaking in the light of a personal friend, Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, told of Dr. Buckner's life work, and of his friendship for the orphans. In observance of their annual custom, the former wards closed the ceremony by singing Father Buckner's favorite song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Dr. Truett delivered the benediction.

Definite plans formulated for erecting the bronze figure of the founder of the home included the appointment of one alumnus in each large city of the state, to co-operate with the regular fund committee. Although the base was provided solely by the alumni, it was voted to allow friends of the alumni, the wards and the institution to assist in providing the bronze figure. It likely will be put in place during the next annual home-coming.

Dr. Buckner's five children stood on the base after the unveiling. They are Dr. Hal F. Buckner and Joe D. Buckner, co-workers in conducting the home; Mrs. A. F. Beddoe, Mrs. L. W. Coleman and Mrs. T. L. Westerfield. Earlier in the day the alumni had made a pilgrimage to Grove Hill Cemetery to place flowers upon the graves of Dr. and Mrs. Buckner; Mrs. Maggie Goode, their daughter; Dr. T. L. Westerfield and L. W. Coleman.

Officers of the Alumni Association were re-elected. They are: Kate Owens, Denton, president; Henry B. Goodnight, Dallas, vice-president; Elsie Jolly, Dallas, secretary-treasurer; Vida Smith, Dallas, assistant secretary, and Leonard Estes, Dallas, chaplain.

NEW CHURCH IS ORGANIZED IN HOUSTON

"The Union Baptist Church" was the name selected for the new Baptist church organized two weeks ago at the services Sunday morning in the Sidney Lanier High School. The selection was made by unanimous vote, Rev. Evander Ammons, the pastor, announced.

The congregation also voted to buy one and a tenth acres of land in the 2300 block on Westheimer Boulevard, to be used as a site for the new edifice to be erected soon. There will be ample room for the church building, the parsonage and for parking space. A finance committee composed of T. E. Kennerly, S. E. Teaff, A. D. Pearce and Rev. Evander Ammons was appointed to handle the financial affairs of the organization. There are eight and one-half lots in the site chosen.

There were three additions to the church at the morning service and the pastor says the prospects for rapid growth are bright.

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WHAT IS A BAPTIST?

There are so many varieties of mankind parading the name of Baptist that it would be hard to find a definition of a Baptist that would include all of them. I suppose that all the world would admit John the Baptist to the rank of orthodox Baptists. From his time down to the present there have been many varieties. Dr. Fiedick calls himself a Baptist: John D. Rockefeller, Jr., calls himself a Baptist. The old hardball fellows call himself a Baptist. The Gospel Missioner calls himself a Baptist. What is a Baptist anyway?

If it included all who believe the Baptist doctrine it would include a large part of the world. If it would include only those who are members of Baptist churches it would not include quite so many. If it means one who believes what Jesus taught and obeys to the letter, it will not include so very many. Will someone please define the term Baptist?

A \$2,000,000 PROTESTANT HOSPITAL FOR SAN ANTONIO

A committee from the San Antonio Ministers Alliance reports that there is a movement on foot for the non-Catholic churches in San Antonio to go in with the P. and S. Hospital forces for the erection of a great Protestant hospital. This hospital will be built on Richmond Avenue facing Madison Square. The old P. and S. Hospital will be removed and used for a nurses' home. The committee from the Ministers Alliance, having the matter in charge, is composed of John W. Darby, William Culppeper and Jesse Yelvington.

We are in favor of the movement since we are not to have a Baptist hospital in San Antonio. We have never been reconciled to our failure to build that Baptist hospital. Since it is now a thing of the past, we will have the next best thing, and that seems to us to be the erection of a Protestant hospital.

PRESBYTERIANS AND ATHLETICS

The Presbyterians of Kentucky are investigating athletics at Center College. Dr. John M. Vander Meulen, president of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, says that no college the size of Center has any right to maintain a football team able to compete with Harvard. It would seem that so small a college as Center would have to give football an undue place of emphasis in order to maintain a team that could cope with Harvard, and that leads us to say that there is a modern tendency to over-emphasize athletics in our colleges at present. The physical body is made too much of, and is sometimes all but worshipped. God did not intend for this to be so. We are strong for athletics, and always have been, but we must not give the impression to the world that colleges exist only for athletics. Football is a fine thing for a school. It develops strength, sportsmanship, self-reliance and is a wonderful means for advertising a school, but sometimes it gets to be that the school exists only for advertising the football team. This disastrous thing means spiritual suicide.

DALLAS SUNDAY SCHOOLS LARGE DURING FAIR

Last Sunday was the second Sunday of the Fair at Dallas and large crowds were in the city. There were 38,143 in all the Sunday Schools of Dallas on that day.

The attendance showed an increase over the corresponding Sunday of last year of 2,194 and of 7,119 over the same Sunday two years ago.

A GIFT TO CARROLL SCHOOL

Miss Della Carroll of Dallas, who is an active worker in the First Baptist Church of that city and who admits being related to the Carrolls of Carroll School, has made a wonderfully unique, appropriate and valuable contribution to our school in the form of a musk ox rug. It is said to be the only one of its kind in Texas and is valued at a thousand dollars. We are delighted with the gift and overwhelmed with gratitude to the giver. It was thoughtful beyond anything that has happened to us lately.

The rug was sent to Miss Della by her brother, Arden Carroll, who will be remembered by many people of Texas as a great football player at Baylor University a good many years ago. For a number of years he has been in Canada in the fur business and sent this valuable rug to his sister from his own collection.

The rug fits nicely into the surroundings at Carroll School. The spacious home of the sculptor, Coppini, in which our school is domiciled, is both practical and elegant and this rug has no trouble making itself at home. We are open to gifts of all kinds and would especially like to encourage the generosity of our friends toward the gift of scholarships for deserving girls who need financial help in getting an education.

We also crave to own this beautiful building and grounds as a permanent home for our school. The wisdom of the builder is seen more every day in its adaptation to our needs. He was a prophet of the future and likely built more wisely than he knew.

EVOLUTION AND UNITARIANS

The Scopes trial brought Tennessee into the limelight on the Evolution question.

The Unitarians Laymen's League with headquarters in Boston has announced a campaign which aims to legalize Evolution and Christ. They will open their campaign in Memphis, from Memphis they will go to Knoxville, the seat of the state university.

We do not think that there is any trouble in harmonizing Unitarianism and Evolution. When you deny the inspiration of the Bible and the divinity of Christ you have nothing left that cannot be reconciled with Evolution. There are a lot of people in Christian churches and filling Christian pulpits that ought to either give up the Evolution or join the Unitarians.

ACCEPTING NEW THINGS

When John Gutenberg invented a printing press, the world cried "black magic." There was great prejudice against the first locomotive that George Stephens brought out. The automobile was at first hated because it scared the teams upon the highway. The airplane had a strong prejudice to overcome, as did the phonograph and radio. We have gotten so in the habit of accepting new things that we are apt to go to the extreme of clamoring for something new all the time. Many of the old things could be improved upon. The old gospel can be cast into new molds, but the Gospel itself could not be improved upon. The world is making rapid material progress. Is Christianity keeping up with the material progress of the world? If it is not it is our fault. Christianity has the same power that it has always had. It has a perfect gospel, it is only imperfect in the imperfect instruments it is compelled to use, and it is dependent upon us.

AMERICANIZE OR CHRISTIANIZE?

It is frequently said in Europe that the world is being Americanized. One of the great chewing gum manufacturers has a factory on the Rhine, but has found this inadequate to take care of the demand, so another will soon be opened near London. The French have expressed it, "Le monde Qui's Americanize." There is no doubt that we are fastening the chewing gum habit on the world. We have already popularized the use of tobacco throughout the world. The potato and tomato, American vegetables, are also being popularized in Europe.

There is no doubt that America has a great influence in the world. We have the world at our feet. What will we do with them and for them? We can Americanize them or we can Christianize them. They will listen to us on the subject of Christianity as readily as they will on any other subject. Will we represent our land and bring the world to our ways or will we represent Christ and bring the world to His ways?

PREACHING HELL AND DAMNATION

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, one of the best known liberals in the Presbyterian denomination, speaking at the opening of Union Theological Seminary, quoted General William Booth as saying, "The best preaching is damnation with the cross in the midst of it."

The Bishop of Liverpool at a great church conference recently said: "The old symbolism of an eternal punishment has gone completely from religious doctrines."

These utterances are the two extremes. Why do men want to get rid of hell in the next world when they realize this world would not be fit to live in without jails and penitentiaries? What the prison is to this world, hell is to the next. Heaven could not be heaven with liars, murderers and unbelievers in it.

God gives us two incentives to being Christians—the hope of heaven and the fear of hell. The two go together. If we were as well to get rid of one as the other. Robert Burns said: "The fear of hell's the hangman's whip to hound the knave in order."

Without the doctrine of hell, the whole Christian system would fall. It would be emasculated and shorn of its strength. It would be like a law without a penalty.

FLORIDA MATTERS

A. J. Holt, D. D., Punta Gorda, Fla.

The editor has kindly requested me to write for the Recorder something of the storm which so afflicted the southern portions of our state.

Conflicting interests are preventing the real facts from being widely known. Florida has become the playground of the nation, and the great winter resort for many thousands of people from our colder countries. So great is the fear on the part of the people who have, at great expense, prepared for these that they are disposed to minimize the gravity of the storm. Then the "booster" is yet abroad in the land, and he desires that his holdings be not depreciated.

But, despite all this, that storm was terrific. It was a genuine hurricane, which attained a velocity of 120 miles an hour. It utterly demolished thousands of houses, most of which were garages and lightly built structures. The brick or concrete or stone houses suffered but little damage, comparatively. Every church house in Miami was either utterly demolished or seriously damaged. Of the eighteen Baptist churches in that city and vicinity every one was blown down.

In Moore Haven, the city was flooded with water from five to ten feet in depth, and every house in the city was either demolished or rendered uninhabitable. Clewiston, the terminal of the A. C. L. Railway, was swept away. All through South Florida cities and towns were damaged. Punta Gorda, on the west coast, suffered damage to the amount of several hundreds of thousands of dollars. The roofing was blown off the Baptist church. The Episcopal and Seventh Day Adventist church houses were demolished. The Methodist church, new and of brick, suffered seriously.

The Baptists were arranging to build a new house of worship and had already secured plans and started a subscription. But our membership, quite small, suffered loss to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and our building has been indefinitely postponed. The first service after the storm, the membership rallied faithfully, although so seriously crippled, and laid down a sufficient amount of cash to repair our old house. There were no deaths in Punta Gorda from the storm. Possibly a thousand lives have been lost in the state, and the property loss is far away into the tens of millions of dollars.

Incidents

One man and his wife and child, who lived in a fisherman's house near Ten Thousand Islands, had their house blown away, and they endeavored to swim ashore. The father had the little three-year-old girl in his arms. After swimming in the dark for hours, he believed that the child had been drowned in his arms, and his wife, on receiving the information, gave up the struggle, whereupon the father let the dead body of the child go, to save his wife. They swam ten hours and were saved, but the child's body was lost.

A fisherman's family in Moore Haven; the husband out on the lake in a boat; the wife and two children saw their house was to be swept away, abandoned it and took refuge in a neighbor's house, and when the water invaded that, the inmates got a step ladder and knocked loose a large square of beaver board ceiling and managed to get it to rest above the ceiling,

and climbed to it. There five people, two women and their children, huddled all night, with the house threatening to be swept away and the water six feet deep on the floor. They were rescued by outside parties in a boat, by breaking through the roof.

The entire population of Moore Haven—those that survived—were carried to Sebring, fifty miles away. There the post office of Moore Haven is maintained to this day in a box car. Several hundred Moore Havenites are cared for in Sebring by the Red Cross.

All Florida rushed to the rescue of the stricken area. Punta Gorda, although suffering from almost half a million, contributed \$1,500 relief fund for Moore Haven, a neighboring city. Tampa and Jacksonville vied with each other in the liberality of their contributions. All the United States extended help. Yet all of Florida was not rendered prostrate and helpless. Ft. Myers, although suffering severely, announced last week that she will take care of her usual number of tourists.

Such a storm never struck Florida before, in the memory of men, and may never do so again. Florida will recuperate. So long as winter sunshine and balmy air prevail in Florida, people will come. Florida is inexhaustibly grateful for all help received.

YOKUM CHURCH MAKES CALL

The First Baptist Church of Yokum has called Rev. E. C. McDannell who has been pastor at Prospect Hill in San Antonio for about two years.

Not Likely

Great Northern Coast: The Post—Dash it, I can't find that sonnet anywhere. Eustace must have thrown it into the fire.

His Wife—Don't be absurd, Algernon. The child can't read.

THE MENACING TRIO

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duel and tolerated without protest of the public.

Reckless people are delighted with this, the careless are satisfied, the indifferent are amused, the conservatives are amazed and the conscientious are alarmed. The numbers representing these various attitudes are increasing toward the former and decreasing toward the latter classes mentioned. The above statement will be read and receive such treatment at the hands of the public, as the character and viewpoint of the individual dictates. But the facts are so evident that universal comment and discussion are provoked. Innovations are so brazen that the press commercializes by their publication. Everybody admits that the brakes are released, and we are drifting. God alone knows where.

Danger

Notwithstanding the sense of security to which we Sons of America had become accustomed, the world war dislodged us, and we changed our thinking. But we are menaced with another enemy now, not an external but an internal evil; one at the shrine of which historic nations have worshipped until they were plunged into the abyss at the behests of their own moral corruption after conquering every other foe.

The claim that to the pure in mind all things are pure, and vice versa, is false, and the very opposite is true. Only the conscience made sensitive by education and training is competent to render a just verdict on a moral issue, and discern the processes by which the unsuspecting are seduced into the quagmire of indulgence. The most dangerous and destructive element in all this is that the conscience that disapproves is weakened by repeated contact, so the judgment that once condemns eventually tolerates and finally approves.

But the nature of evil remains the same and when no longer ostracized by conscience is left free to do its most deadly work. Here the Danger Signal should be planted. The reefs are near by the place where the voice of conscience is not heard.

Power of Popular Sentiment

The fact that practices which were formerly condemned as harmful are now regarded as permissible does not point, as some think, to false standards of the past, but is an index to a decline in worthy ideals. Group after group of off-shouldered society have arisen in organized protest. The better element of the press has spoken out with scathing denunciation and the pulpit has repeatedly sounded the warning signal; but all these are forcibly receding before the wave of popular sentiment, the power that forever dictates the policies and determines the destinies of mankind.

Causes

There are local causes for the demoral-

izing whirlpool in which modern society finds itself. It is not the product of the "time" or "age" in which we live, but of the inventions and institutions of our generation. The higher man rises on the scale of civilization the more wisdom and strength he needs to meet and solve the problems that are self-imposed by his advancement. A new and better type of legislation is in constant demand, as well as improved methods for the regulation of society in all relations.

Owing to the nature of the institutions referred to, they provide opportunity for the abuse of privilege and for immoral indulgences, and at different times and places have become so excessive in the same as to require the check reins of censorship, legislation and police. Our concern is not with these institutions, but with the abuses with which they are often characterized and the evils attending therewith.

The Dance

The dance has for many generations been associated with certain evils that mark it as one of the most character seducing institutions among us. Not only theoretically so, but such is verified by statistical facts.

Because of the exceptional attractions afforded by the dance it has always exercised great influence over the pleasure-loving people of all classes. And therefore, with its attending evils, such as the drinking of intoxicating liquors, the partially nude dressing of women and certain forms of dancing that tends to arouse sexual ambitions, it has menaced the spiritual interests of the church; not only in the diversions practiced by the causing of divisions of sentiment among the members; as the more zealous ones have sought to preserve the good name of the church and protect the vacillating ones from spiritual losses that result from this form of worldly indulgence.

Much energy has been expended in seeking to combat this evil; and now the new sentiment rises up and demands unconditional surrender, with the claim that "times have changed and everybody else is doing it." By this sentiment the churches are in many instances disarming their pastors. To attack this foe to righteousness means the losing of the co-operation of a large portion of his flock. Besides his message is contradicted by the practices of those who participate, and in which case, an impregnable barrier is placed between him and the people to whom he preaches. To say nothing means surrender, to say even a little courts dissonance, and if definite effort is set forth only fuel is added to the fires.

The Motion Picture

The motion picture is a commercial institution, and though not as essential, it will be perpetuated for the same reason that the grocery business will be. Like the grocery, it will always have a patronage; as it will offer for sale that which the public demands. It will also cultivate the public taste for that which provides the widest margin for lucrative returns and this cultivation is essentially its highest aim.

Sex suggestion and sensational displays are its least expensive products, and at the same time, have the most direct appeal to depraved human nature; and hence are the most exuberant field for its operation.

For these reasons the motion picture is one of the most to be dreaded foes to good morals the world has ever known.

Lawmakers have been struggling to defend society against the monstrous evils of this institution. Criminologists hold it responsible for the crime wave. Moral experts attribute the present social laxity to its work. But the stupefying of obscenity, nudity, sex suggestions, sensation and tragedy continues to be poured forth before the eyes of millions of our youth, until nothing short of a real "thrill" is sufficient to entertain the average motion picture devotee, and nothing can produce that thrills, unless it smacks of things to which his eyes are accustomed.

This does not mean that the screen is all bad. Neither should it provoke the wholesale denunciation of the institution. The fact is the motion picture is one of the great achievements of modern times; and provides a means of multiplying possibilities for both pleasure and education. It is truly unfortunate that so great an invention should be turned to evil account instead of good; and it is tragic if we have come to believe it cannot be helped.

Legal censorship has struck some mighty blows, but legal reform must draw its precedence and power from popular opinion. This turns the question back to the people, and the people of our country will wait for the disciples of Christ to take the initiative. They must walk by the light of the church or be lost.

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DOINGS OF THE DISCIPLES

The First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi is in a revival now with the pastor, Rev. T. A. Binford, doing the preaching and Dr. Lovejoy, the regular chorister, leading the music.

Miss Natilee Mackey, B. S. U. secretary of the State Board is located at Kingsville giving her time to the students there and is doing a fine work. She is enlisting many of the students in the Baptist Church.

Rev. Geo. Owen, until recently pastor of the State Board is giving his time temporarily to the State Board in its campaign for the co-operative program.

Evangelist Early and Singer O'Hair began a meeting with the Magnolia Park Baptist Church of Houston last Sunday.

The First Baptist Church of San Antonio closed a very successful revival last Sunday. There were 140 additions to the church. The pastor did the preaching and Johnnie Cohen did the singing.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Baptist World's Alliance, made the principal address at the opening of Brown Seminary, the Baptist theological seminary at Budapest.

Dr. E. P. West of Houston recently addressed a meeting of the Great Southern Life Insurance Company's officers and agents in Houston. His address was printed in full in the Houston Post-Dispatch.

Rev. E. W. Cole, pastor of the Electra Baptist Church, has been elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate to succeed Dr. P. E. Riley who recently resigned to re-enter the pastorate.

Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Dr. Clarence H. Webb on October 14. The marriage will take place in the First Baptist Church of Shreveport and the young people will be at home at Elysian Fields, Texas.

NEW BUILDING FOR BAPTIST TEMPLE

The architect, Will M. Noonan, is now drawing plans for a new meeting house for the Baptist Temple of San Antonio. This church was formerly called Pegues Memorial in honor of Bro. Dock Pegues who was a prominent Christian worker and soul winner and who was well known in San Antonio and in Texas.

Rev. Jesse Yelvington is the pastor of the Baptist Temple and it is under his leadership that the church has planned to build. The new building will cost \$45,000 and will be modern in every particular. A new location has been chosen at Gevers and Drexel Streets in Highland Park.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hornburg, Palfurris, Texas

TITHING STORY CONTEST

At Houston it was proposed to enter heartily into promoting a tithing story contest among members of our young people's organizations. The following regulations were outlined:

There will be four groups of manuscripts submitted.

Sunbeams up to nine years—100 to 500 words.

Girls' Auxiliary, nine to seventeen years—1,000 to 1,600 words.

Royal Ambassadors, nine to seventeen years—1,000 to 1,600 words.

Young Woman's Auxiliary, seventeen to twenty-five years—1,800 to 2,400 words.

Stories should be submitted only by active members approved by the Counselors of the organization. Stories will be judged by a committee of five appointed by the Central Committee of the State, none of the five to be officially connected with W. M. U.

The judges will be governed by this scale of rating:

Value of material in teaching tithing 50%
Originality of plot 25%
Literary skill 15%
Appearance of paper 10%

Stories or articles will be received at State Headquarters from December 1, 1926 to March 1, 1927. They are to be sent in typewritten on one side of the page only, with double space between the lines.

Awards

The Central Committee has agreed to offer as rewards:

To the very best story from a Y. W. A., a trip to Ridgecrest to the Y. W. A. Camp next June.

For the second best story, a trip to the Summer Assembly or the State W. M. U. meeting.

To G. A. A., a trip to the Summer Assembly or their camp.

To R. A. A., a trip to the R. A. Camp or the R. A. Conference.

To the S. B. A. pin.

Who will send the first story?

BRO. C. A. HORNBERG ON THE THREE EVILS

We are in receipt of a pamphlet by Rev. C. A. Hornburg of Falfurrias on "The Menacing Trio." It is good reading and timely. It is the kind of preaching this old-world needs today. These pamphlets can be had for twenty cents each in envelopes ready for mailing. Pastors and laymen would do well to invest in some of these and send them to friends and acquaintances. This article is published in the Southwest Texas Baptist by special permission and we hope and believe it will do great good.

Bro. Hornburg is one of our most thoughtful preachers and has put his time and his best thought upon this article. His hope and our prayer is that it shall do much good. It is published elsewhere in this issue.

CONGREGATION PICKS COTTON CROP FOR SICK MAN

Lee Woods, a farmer near Weatherford, has been shown by the congregation of his church that there still is a lot of human sympathy left in the world.

Woods has been ill for some time and has been unable to pick his cotton crop. At the close of last Sunday's service at the church, the situation was explained to the congregation and it was suggested that he be helped.

Tuesday of last week fifty-nine members of the congregation, old and young, went to the Woods farm and gathered the crop, amounting to two bales. It was taken to the gin where it was handled free of charge and sold and the proceeds turned over to Woods.

DR. HAROLD MAJOR TO DEPART DECEMBER 1

Dr. Harold Major, pastor of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, whose resignation was accepted Wednesday night at the quarterly meeting of the church board, will leave Dec. 1 to assume charge of his new pastorate, the First Baptist Church of Boston, he announced Monday morning.

The board of deacons of the church, headed by John H. Cullom, chairman, were requested at the meeting Wednesday to secure a successor to Dr. Major. A committee of which C. L. Norworthy is chairman was appointed to draft resolutions of regret at Dr. Major's leaving.

Dr. Major's family will probably remain in Dallas until next spring, because of the extreme cold weather, he says.—Dallas News.

A REVIEW OF THE NEWS

During the last four years, Southern Methodists have given about \$700,000 to the education of negroes.

More than \$81,000,000 was contributed to colleges and universities in the United States during the year 1923-1924. This does not include state institutions.

The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education has prepared a Bible study course for young people that are in prison. This ought to fulfill the words of Jesus that the Gospel would open prison doors.

Dr. A. J. Holt in the Western Recorder describes the Florida storm in graphic terms. He says that all of the eighteen Baptist church houses in and around Miami were blown down.

Admiral Togo of Japan is bed-ridden at the age of seventy-nine on account of nervous trouble. His doctors are very anxious about him.

An earth tremor was felt in Japan on Oct. 13, which lasted for ninety minutes.

The Episcopal Parish of the Heavenly Rest, Dr. Henry Darlington, rector, is planning to erect a new building that will cost \$2,000,000. It will be on Fifth Avenue and 19th Street facing Central Park, New York City.

Forty-one per cent of all the students in the Louisville Seminary are married. There are 356 preachers enrolled, two laymen and a number of students' wives.

The 1928 meeting of the American Legion is to be held in San Antonio. The chairman of the committee has begun to get ready for their entertainment. One hundred thousand delegates are expected.

Prohibition has defined the "psychological drunkard" who is always drunk on a non-intoxicant as being entirely mental. He imagines himself intoxicated on drinks that are not intoxicating. Such is the opinion of E. C. Yellowley, district prohibition administrator.

The Poincare Economy Plan has abandoned 182 administering posts and has reduced the soldiers and officers in the French army 2,700; 17,000 horses are to be sold.

A late cartoon in the Houston Post-Dispatch pictures the American Federation of Labor in overalls chiseling out on a table of stone a new commandment which reads, as follows, "Five days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, and the sixth and seventh days are yours to do anything you darn please."

Bruce Barton, the great advertised specialist and author of "The Man Nobody Knows," says that sin is over advertised. He says the way to overcome it is by the publicity of the church and with education.

Charles Kellogg has startled the scientific world by extinguishing a flame by radio twelve miles away. The experiment was watched by fifty scientists and pupils.

Two Ways

Christian Science Monitor: Mistress: "We are having four friends to dinner this evening."

Cook: "Yes, ma'am. And how do you wish it prepared?"

Mistress: "I gave you the menu. What do you mean?"

Cook: "Well, prepared so's they'll come again, for instance?"

None Too Safe

Judge: Rastus Jackson, a thoroughly married dorky, was one day approached by a life insurance agent.

"Better let me write you a policy, Rastus," suggested the agent.

"No, sah," declared Rastus emphatically. "Ah ain't any too safe at home as it is!"

Correct

Monthly Tidings: He—What are you thinking about?

She—Nothing; what did you think I was thinking about?

He—Nothing.

DR. HERNDON GOES TO LAKE CHARLES

It is with regret that we learn that Dr. T. V. Herndon, for more than two years budget secretary for the Baptist Executive Board, will sever his connection with that board on November 1st. He goes to become pastor at Lake Charles, La.

When Dr. Herndon took charge of that work very few of the churches in Texas were on the budget plan. Dr. Herndon has stressed the subject of the Baptist Co-operative Program. There is in Texas now, as a result of his labor, more than 500 churches that send their contributions with more or less regularity to the office at Dallas. There are more than 300 that make regular monthly remittances. Practically all of the full time churches in Texas are on the budget plan. It has been proven successful that a fourth time church can operate the budget plan, and do it effectively. There are approximately 1,000 churches in Texas now that are operating some kind of a budget plan. Seventy associations out of 120 have good organizations and carry on the budgeting of the churches. Brother Herndon has been an efficient leader, and his leadership will be greatly missed in Texas.

FINISH YOUR TASK

It is easy enough to begin a task.
But to finish it—that's the thing!
The completed work holds the honey sweet,
But the undone leaves a sting.

Oh, the feet will lag and the heart grow faint
Ofttimes ere the stint is done,
But what joy is yours, as you rest at last,
With the hard-fought battle won.

Then, here's to the lad who will see it through,
Whatever the task may be,
For my heart goes out to the boy of pluck,
But no half-done boy for me!
—Florence Jones Hadley, in Baptist Boys and Girls.

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Carroll School Page

EDITED BY THE STUDENTS

You need to know what Carroll School is doing. From now on the Southwest Texas Baptist has a page edited by students of this institution.

The officers have been elected as follows:

Editor-in-Chief.....Dagma Tobias
Religious Editor.....Mozelle Bigbee
Current Event Editor.....Corinne Clemons
Society Editor.....Augusta Felton
Literary and Fun Editor.....Dan Taylor

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stockton of Corpus Christi called to see their daughter, Augusta Stockton, several times while Mr. Stockton was here under treatment. We are glad that Mr. Stockton's condition has improved and we sincerely hope that it continues to do so. Mr. William Cannon of Robstown, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Stockton, was with them while here in San Antonio and visited the school.

Mr. Dan W. Taylor of Corpus Christi visited his daughter, Miss Dan Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Mathis were visitors of the school Saturday. We hope they were so impressed as to send their daughter here.

Mr. Walter Felton of Corpus Christi and Mr. A. W. Stockton of Temple were visitors of Misses Augusta Felton and Corinne Clemons on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Eugene Kellam of Robstown, who is an aunt of Mabel Newell, visited the school Saturday.

Mr. D. H. Perry of Robstown was a dinner guest on Thursday evening. Mr. Perry is an uncle of Corinne Clemons and Augusta Felton and a cousin of Augusta Stockton.

A number of the students attended the Muzio concert at the city auditorium and sat in the student circle. The concert was greatly enjoyed.

We regret that Mrs. L. W. Sackett, wife of Dr. L. W. Sackett, dean of the school, was called to Houston on account of the illness of her son.

Hattie, our faithful cook, was injured Sunday evening when an automobile ran over her while alighting from a street car. Her injuries while painful are not serious. She expects to be at her post of duty within the next few days.

A Hallow'en party is on our college schedule. Big plans are being made for the festival.

Mrs. L. Broder of Alice was a dinner guest of Carroll School recently.

The formal reception for Carroll School on October 8th was a great success. More than one hundred and twenty-five guests called during the afternoon. The spacious home was most attractive and ornate in atmosphere with the fragrance of incense, its beautiful flowers, and soft lights. The girls forming the receiving line were very charming in their new fall frocks of taffeta and georgette. Delicious refreshments of frozen fruit salad, sandwiches, tea, coffee and bonbons were served in the attractive patio tea room, all carrying out the beautiful color scheme of green and gold.

We are greatly indebted to Miss Della Carroll of Dallas, niece of Dr. J. M. Carroll and cousin of Dr. Hulen R. Carroll, for the beautiful mock-o'-rug she gave to Carroll School. The rug is the only one of its kind in the United States and is valued at one thousand dollars. We're hoping we do not become financially embarrassed and so hard pressed that it has to be pawned.

We are glad to have back with us Dr. J. M. Carroll who has been in Oklahoma the past week.

Hulen R. Carroll, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Carroll, is playing left tackle on the Alamo Heights football team. Ray for our side!

The cooking class has started well under the supervision of Mrs. Hauser, efficient home economics teacher of Carroll

School and graduate of Columbia University.

Carroll School is looking forward to entertaining at luncheon the members of the Corpus Christi Association who attend the Convention here. We have eight students from the Corpus Christi Association.

Dr. Hulen R. Carroll returned Tuesday morning to his family of girls after a short trip to Dallas.

Betty Chambers of California has recently entered as a student here. She has only been in this country five years, her home being in Czechoslovakia. She has a wonderful voice and the promise of being a great lyric-soprano.

RELIGIOUS

The Sunday School class of Carroll School is the only Baptist Sunday School class in Alamo Heights. This class was organized October 3rd, and we now have enrolled fifteen pupils, but expect to have many more in the future. Our class has enrolled in the Woodlawn Baptist Sunday School. The officers elected are as follows:

Adelle White, president; Augusta Stockton, first vice-president; Augusta Felton, second vice-president; Elizabeth Erwin, third vice-president; Dan Taylor, recording secretary; Mozelle Bigbee, corresponding secretary; Corinne Clemons, treasurer; Hulen Carroll, Jr., sergeant-at-arms; Dagma Tobias, pianist; Dr. Hulen Carroll, teacher; Mrs. Carroll, assistant teacher.

A number of our girls have placed their letters in Woodlawn Baptist Church. Among them are the following: Adelle White, Augusta Stockton, Dagma Tobias, Doris Hunt, Betty Chambers, and Elizabeth Erwin. Dan Taylor, who is a member of the Christian church, placed her letter with the Central Christian Church. Her mother and father were listening over the radio and heard them receive her into the church.

We want all of our Southwest Texas Baptist readers to pray with us that we shall have a great Sunday School class in Carroll School. Alamo Heights is a field of rich opportunity for such a class since it is four miles to the nearest Baptist Sunday School.

From Oct. 28th to the 30th, there is to be a Students' Conference of all the Baptist Schools held at Birmingham, Ala. We would like to send a representative from Carroll School. If you would like to see this school represented, send us a little money. "Every little bit helps." We thank you in advance.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Antonio Baptist Association met in regular monthly business session Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Hulen R. Carroll attended this meeting. She is the Young People's leader for the Association W. M. U.

LITERARY AND FUN

My First Trip to America By Betty Chambers

Five years ago I left Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, for New York. It took me two days by train to arrive in Paris, France. From there I came to Cherbourg, one of the harbors of France. There I stayed six days; for at that time all foreigners had to be in quarantine this length of time.

The big steamer, Berengaria, owned by the Cunard Steamship Line, took us from this harbor across the vast Atlantic. Berengaria was a very large steamer with three decks and three classes of passage. This great steamship was about one-fourth of a mile in length and made thirty-three knots an hour. Besides passengers it carried mail and parcels.

After six days of a pleasant voyage we caught a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, and the nearer we approached land the more we could recognize the beautiful city of New York, a new world; our home to be.

(This is the first theme that Betty has written in English. We are very proud of her unusual progress.)

Dr. Carroll: The world knows nothing of its greatest men.

Mrs. Carroll: For softness she, and sweet attractive grace.

Dr. Sackett: He is a scholar and a ripe and good one.

Miss Calhoun: Thou art fair, few are fairer.

Mr. Dale: A proper man as one shall see.

Miss Wilson: A woman's face with nature's own hand painted.

Mrs. Hauser: My cake is dough.

Miss Byron: A woman of soft speech and gracious smile.

Miss Barro: Bless thee, thou art translated.

Augusta Felton: Come, ye little noisy crew.

Mabel Newell: He lives not who can refuse her.

Dagma Tobias: Hard to be won, and only by a few.

Corinne Clemons: I saw no heaven but in her eyes.

Betty Chambers: Her tone is music's own.

Elizabeth Edwin: Each particular hair so stands on end.

Osceola Loftin: When I was a child I spake as a child.

Adelle White: I live not in-myself.

Augusta Stockton: Something childish but very natural.

Margaret Ogden: A smiling look she has.

Mozelle Bigbee: Her only thought—candy.

THE PRETTY LITTLE BIRD

The pretty little bird flies to the top of a tree.

"Ha! Ha! You cannot catch me," says he; "You may try."

But you cannot fly, And you are not half so spry As a bird such as I.

You have to walk, And you have to run.

But I can fly and have worlds of fun," —Margaret Elizabeth Ogden.

THE MENACING TRIO

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The Bathing Beach

One of the exhibitions of crucified modesty and reckless disregard for conventionality and decency is displayed at the present day bathing resorts. The all but nude bodies of both men and women that are exhibited without blush or shame are index fingers that point unmistakably to the diseased and debauched moral conscience that is afflicting our generation. A New York article: "Bathing beauties now wear next to nothing. Dressed bathing girl now lacking as the former row over costume subsidies."

If such bold and unrestrained familiarities are thus openly indulged by the public, is it any wonder the night police are herding into the morning courts of our land literally thousands of our boys and girls, from homes both high and low and all between, whose beautiful and priceless characters have been suddenly dipped into the slime pit under the impulse of excited passion? Not to mention the larger number in whose minds the angel of modesty and self-respect has so bedraggled her wings as never to rise to the glorious heights again.

The climax of this drama of tragedy finds expression in what is popularized as "The Bathing Girl Revue," in which the choice physical products of American girlhood are placed on exhibition; the crowning work of nature is commercialized, character is assassinated and the fires of hell are kindled on the altar of sacred ideals.

This is not the sermon of a fanatic. Everybody whose eyes are open knows these are not poetic fancies, but the most discouraging feature in the whole matter is that many of our very finest, and best people seem to be walking blindly. Ridiculous as they are the words "petting party" and "necking" are becoming popular magazine phrases; and are passed over by the public eye without provoking a second thought; or if the second thought develops, it is quickly displaced by a third one, to the effect that the situation is hopeless; and the reader passes on, wondering what will be the next development.

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