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Tells About Causes of Unchastity and Safeguards Against It.  
**RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS**  
Their Carelessness Has Much to Do with the Children's Sin—There Should Be Some Provision for General Social Diversion.  
In Trinity Lutheran church last night Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, the pastor, delivered his sermon on "The Sin of Unchastity." His remarks are of more than ordinary import, following the separate meetings of early in the week for men and women when addresses were made by Mayor Conzeli, Dr. W. W. Ives and Dr. L. M. Gates and by Mrs. Frances B. Swan and Dr. Anna C. Clarke.  
In the first part of his sermon he addressed last Sunday. Mr. Miller dwelt on the moral principle and the gravity of the sin. Last night he spoke upon the chief factors of the evil and the safeguards against it. His text was from I Thessalonians, iv, 2-7. Much that he said was an indorsement of the sentiments expressed during the meetings for men and women during the week. He remarked:  
"It is deplorable that a lack of parental authority must head the list of causes for unchastity. It is admitted that some sons and daughters have careful conscientious parents, whose efforts go for naught. But 'parents,' 'parents' and 'parents' was the keynote of warning in all the addresses of the week. And many of the 257 girls, who, according to Mayor Conzeli's statement, walk the streets in the evening, exercising their proper duty? Possibly some parents are guilty of over-confidence in their children, and would resent from a kind friend any indication that the girl or the boy is wayward. This does not lessen the responsibility of the pastor or the friend; it is the duty of each to put parents on their guard before the bell has tolled the doom of tomorrow."  
Do Not Begin Early Enough.  
"To all things, there is a beginning. And so in reference to lack of parental control it will be found nine times out of ten that we do not begin early enough in restraining children. In many cases we are afraid of them; we command and are disobeyed; we protest and are insulted—and so it goes. The children go and come—and they are permitted to do as they please. The children or the parents?"  
"Bad literature and vile pictures which unfortunately flood the land have much to do with fascinating the young mind. The bill boards, the illustrated papers found in lesser shops, the cigarette pictures and many other things are illustrated schools of vice. If they cannot be kept from the sight of the child, the child should be taught their harm."  
"With girls, poor girls who work in factory and store, the love of money becomes possession of it. How? Often through the barter of virtue. Degrading popular amusements such as the cheap dance halls are a common medium between innocence and degradation. The stage must not be wholly condemned. It has its good features and it has its bad ones, and every parent ought to be satisfied what kind of a play the children attend."  
No More Ills to Worry.  
"An abundance of restrictions against unchastity are provided. Of law there is a sufficiency, so it is needless to speak of or suggest new ones while the old laws are not carried out. As to licensing prostitution, the plan is, first, to set good morals; second, it really provides no physical safeguard according to the testimony of physicians themselves. We have enough licensed evils; let us put no more bolts on our national reputation."  
"Unless a man has religious principles firmly rooted in him he will fall if assailed under certain circumstances, and parents are guilty of a grave error and running a fearful risk if they do not inculcate in the child the love of God, the church and the Sunday school. Resolve to go for naught if unfortified by prayer and nearness to God. Let Him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."  
"With your religious precept and advice add an attractive home life. The combination is one of the strongest against worldly temptation and gross desire. The father should not be too busy, and the mother should not be too potent to join in their children's fun and encourage them in it. This example will guard against a bad result if the child is ordered to choose this or that amusement, or worse still, is ordered to choose between the home life and the life of the street."  
"The church is not guiltless. It is somewhat negligent; it is careless. What the church should do in the way of sociability? You say the church is a religious not a social institution. So it is. But does it forget that Christ began his public ministry at a marriage; that he enjoyed frequent visits to the homes of Lazarus; that he ate with publicans and sinners. Let us try an imitation. It is true that many church gatherings purport to afford pure social enjoyment, but it is also true that the average affair of this kind is connected with some scheme to make money from the liberal giver, and the poor man is disgusted."  
"The social part of the problem, I will go so far as to say, merits the attention of the state. The Athenians had their feasts and games; so did the Romans in the great Coliseum; continental countries have their distinctive public amusements, but it is often deplored that we live so fast as to neglect the social requirements of our nature and particularly of our nature's classes. Cannot a Christian nation provide clean amusements for its citizens? Would it not be profitable? We have our Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations and the like. They are good and commendable, but there are distinctively social pleasures which they cannot give, but I have nothing to suggest on a subject which may better be left to practical reformers and philanthropists."  
"Hearken unto me now, therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth."  
"Let not thy heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths."  
"For she hath cast down many wounded; yea, many strong men have been slain by her."  
"Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death."

**SABBATH NEWS NOTES.**  
Rev. Dr. W. H. Conrad occupied the pulpit of the Penn Avenue Baptist church. "The Fifth Commandment" was the evening theme. Rev. Foster U. Gitt, of Grace Lutheran church.  
Rev. W. S. Jones, of the Welsh Baptist church, preached in the Scranton Street Baptist church in the evening.  
Rev. W. J. Ford's topics in the Green Ridge Baptist church were "Tired of God" and "The Christian Warfare."  
The song service at Young Men's Christian Association meeting yesterday afternoon attracted a large number of young men. "The State, and Citizenship in It" was the evening topic. George E. Gould, of the Provisional Presbyterian church.  
A most interesting meeting for young women was held yesterday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian association rooms.  
"Jim" Burwick delivered one of his characteristic talks to railroad men at the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon.  
In the Cedar Avenue Methodist church Rev. J. L. Haco's subjects were "Actions Speak Louder than Words," and "A Remarkable Conversion of an Awful Wicked Man."  
Rev. John P. Moffat, the new pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, preached in the morning on "Instability" and in the evening on "The Withered Hand."  
Rev. Mr. Merrill delivered a sermon in the Puritan Congregational church of Market Street yesterday morning and in the Plymouth Congregational church of Jackson street last evening.  
The annual meeting of Northeastern Pennsylvania Sabbath union will be held at Wilkes-Barre tomorrow afternoon. The yearly reports of the officers of the society will be presented and several short addresses will be made. The organization has three of its leading officers who are residents of this city. A. W. Dickson, vice-president; J. Lawrence Stelle, treasurer; and Rev. F. A. Doney, general secretary. It was organized Dec. 18, 1891, and will celebrate its first anniversary at Young Men's Christian Association auditorium, Wilkes-Barre, next Sunday afternoon.

**TWO CASES OF TREMENS.**  
Wonderful Strength Displayed by a Drink-Crazed Tramp.  
There were two violent cases of delirium tremens at the station house Saturday night. A tramp who gave his name as James Scanlon and his home Forest City, came to the station house intoxicated about 7 o'clock in the evening and asked for lodging. Half an hour after he had been placed in a cell he became violently affected with delirium tremens and in his frenzy broke the window of the water pipe on the washbowl in his cell, flooding the cell room.  
Sergeant Deiter and Patrolman Palmer had all they could do to overpower him and put him in another cell. For about an hour he lay writhing in pain, frothing at the mouth and grinding his teeth. Dr. Fulton relieved him somewhat and in the morning he was so far recovered to be out of danger.  
Celebrating His Wedding.  
The other case was that of Patrick Quinn, of the North End, the same individual who was brutally assaulted in Raymond court Thursday night and left lying bleeding and unconscious on the cobble stones. Quinn was married some time last month and has been on a drunk ever since his wedding day.  
His friends took him to the station house last night and asked to have him locked up to keep him away from the bottle. He was placed in a cell and went quietly to sleep. Towards morning he awoke in a delirious and suffering condition and after several hours of excruciating agony for several hours, being finally relieved by the ministrations of the police surgeon, Dr. Fulton. Alderman Miller in police court yesterday sent Quinn to the county jail for sixty days.

**MR. DAVENPORT PREACHED.**  
Well-Known Young Divines Occupied the Elm Park Pulpit.  
Rev. Fred M. Davenport, formerly of New Milford and a teacher in Wyoming Seminary, but now of a Yonkers, N. Y., Methodist pastorate, occupied the pulpit of Elm Park church yesterday morning and evening. A previous announcement that he would preach drew to the church, in addition to the regular congregation, a large number of his friends, among whom his peculiar ability as orator and preacher are well known.  
Mr. Davenport's morning discourse was based upon II Corinthians, v:17: "For the love of Christ, constraints us." He put forward the real motive of a Christian life and pleaded for a higher plane of living. In the evening he preached from Matthew, xxv:12: "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"  
Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce, pastor of Elm Park church, occupied Mr. Davenport's Yonkers pulpit.

**NINE YEARS FOR PERRETTO**  
Jesupp Murderer Escaped with a Light Sentence.  
**WARDO WAS ALSO SENTENCED**  
Directed to Spend Two Years and Nine Months in the Eastern Penitentiary.  
Young Thomas Received a Light Sentence—Other Penalties.  
Several convicted criminals received the sentence of their transgressions Saturday in court. Pasquella Perretto, for the murder of Michael Demarko at Jesupp, June 20, 1895, was sentenced to nine years and six months at hard labor in separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary. His attorneys, John T. Martin and Joseph W. Brown, appealed to the court for a light term of imprisonment. Mr. Martin stated that if a new trial were granted to the prisoner he would be able to prove that he was a block away from the scene of the murder when it was committed.  
Judge Archbald informed the attorneys that Perretto's conviction had the approval of the court, and that he might have been convicted of murder in the first degree. District Attorney Jones declared that the Italian killed a colored man in Virginia. The sentence was a very light one considering the nature of Perretto's crime. He merited the maximum penalty.  
Charles Wardo was sentenced for feloniously wounding Nicholas Demarko, the dead man's brother. Perretto gave the fatal blow which was used "Wardo ran away and the very day on which he was arrested he came back and surrendered himself. He pleaded guilty last Tuesday. He will spend two years and nine months in the penitentiary.  
Thomas Price and Reuben Morris, both of whom admitted that they robbed Thomas Price, an old man, of \$22 at Oliphant on August 6 last, were sentenced. Price will spend ten months in the county jail, pay a fine of \$25 and receive six months in jail and pay \$10 fine. Thomas Let Off Easy.  
Joseph Thomas, of the Sibley, was given a very light sentence by Judge Edwards, only three months in the county jail, pay a fine of \$25 and receive six months in jail and pay \$10 fine.

**COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.**  
Attorney C. V. Bower was, on Saturday, appointed by the court to act as commissioner to inquire into the sanity of Henry H. Yeager, of Moscow.  
An action was begun Saturday by Attorney J. W. Oakford, representing the Sterling company, to recover \$400 from the Chamberlain Coal company on a promissory note dated Aug. 7 and made payable to the order of the Sterling company.  
On Saturday an application was filed with Prothonotary Pryor for a charter for the Lawrenceville Congregational church, of Old Forge. The subscribers to the articles of incorporation are Thomas E. Lewis, David J. Davies, Edward M. Jones, John E. Jones and Robert Thomas.  
George Neeson began proceeding Saturday to secure a divorce from Ellen Neeson. They live in the North End of the city. In the libel in the case filed with Prothonotary's 205 Washington avenue. Of course it will be better able to judge for yourself in this matter, after you've seen it.

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