

## GREAT CRIME OF WHITE SLAVERY.

Much has been said upon the subject of "strong drink" as a moral and social evil. While we verily believe it to be the worst of all vices because of the great majority that indulge in its use, yet there follows close in its wake the great evil of the "White Slave Traffic." This is very demoralizing to the welfare of our country.

The reason that we have heard so little concerning this great evil lies in the fact that it is carried on only in the cities, and while it is an extensive trade in those places, we are thankful to know that it does not exist in the outlying town throughout the country. There is danger, though, in the fact that if the evil is not arrested the dealers may become more bold in their criminal pursuits and thus extend their base trade to the smaller places.

The fact that this "slavery" exists, and that hundreds, yea thousands, of pure young girls, the future womanhood of America, are lured away by the "slave masters" and made to eke out a miserable existence in the vile resort of the brothel den.

These young slaves are of much more profit to their masters than were the negro slaves of the south. They are placed on a level with brutes. If any object they are beaten or starved into submission. Hundreds of girls are dying in our great cities, having been captured and taken prisoners in those vile resorts. Death is the only relief for their suffering, many dying before they reach the age of twenty years.

The story of "Luella" will win the hearts of all who read her sad story, which is given in full in the "White Slave Book." Working to help her mother support her little brothers and sisters, Luella toiled hard for \$3.50 per week. Upon hearing of an employment agency which offered \$10 per week, the young girl wrote the agent and was directed to take a train on a certain date for C—, and she would be met at the train and conducted to the establishment. Filled with the joy at being able to do so much more for those at home, Luella buoyantly set out on her journey. She was met by a reverend looking gentleman in ministerial garb, and being taught piety at home, this girl of seventeen felt safe under the care of a minister. She was hurried to her destination, and once inside the house the door was locked. A woman came forward and explained to her her duty. The child cried and begged to be allowed to return home. She turned to the man who had brought her there and begged him to let her go, whereupon he sneered at her. He had meanwhile changed his clerical clothes for the fashionable dress of his class "Are you not a minister cried the girl." "That is a trick of the trade" he said "a sort of masquerade you know."

For two years this proprietor allowed this girl to write her mother an occasional letter he himself of course reading all the letters. She was allowed to send one dollar each week to her mother for a period of two years, but was threatened with her life, if she would breathe a word of what had happened to her, to any of the visitors that came.

Three years after her departure from home she was found by a charitable lady and was suffering from a most loathsome disease. Her hair was gone, and her system poisoned by the virus until she was dying by inches, the end came twenty-four hours after her discovery. That particular establishment was raided and discovery proved that during the three years the girl had earned for her master through immorality \$9,468 a very profitable slave indeed.

After she had served her purpose and was no longer of any use she was carried to a shed in the rear and left to die. Her groans attracted the attention of the woman who rescued her. This woman learned from the girls lips enough evidence to convict her torturers. This is only one of many instances recorded in the White Slave book. Read it and convince yourselves that something ought to be done to put a stop to this demoralizing business.

The fact that this crime does not exist in our home towns need not prevent us from doing all we can to better the helpless hopeless condition of our sisters. Every one can do something. What are you going to do? Ask yourself that question.

The work of rescue has been started but it needs support. The fact that these vile dens are wholly disguised and it requires a thorough knowledge of the city and its ways to accomplish anything, explains why the progress is slow. The most that has been accomplished so far in the way of rescue work, has been done by members of the Women's Suffrage Club. So much for Women's Suffrage. The startling announcement is brought to light and discloses the indifference of the male officers of the city. They are indifferent or in league with the business or something wrong, as they are not doing as much as they should to probe this great evil.

There are many people who do not recognize the aim of the Suffrage movement and for that reason they are not in sympathy with them. This country of ours is in a critical condition both politically and morally. While the members of the Women's Suffrage Club realize that woman's sphere is in the home and if a home is to be as the ideal home woman must preside, yet they with keen instinct can foresee that if something is not soon done in way of reformation there will not be any homes to preside over. Husbands will, if conditions are not bettered, spend their time and money at the saloons and club rooms, and thereby neglecting both their homes and country to such an extent that there will not be enough available men men to fill the positions of trust in our country. For this reason women desire an equal right with man in making the laws of the land.

I can truthfully say for woman if she were allowed to make the laws, there would be no liquor manufactured or sold, no gambling, no cafes in the underworld, no White Slavery, no turkey trot, in fact none of the blasphemous things that make for immorality.

God created woman because He saw that it was not good for man to be alone. After man had been created God repented that He had made man, but the Scriptures does not record that He ever repented the creation of woman. Furthermore God took a rib from Adam's side and made Eve so that she should be his (Adam's) equal.

Women's Suffrage means equal rights with men on a political basis, but on a moral basis never. Women do not want to bring themselves down to a social level with man, who drinks, fights, cheats, gambles, etc. Of course there are exceptions to this rule but honestly now, isn't nine-tenths of the men guilty of those things. Could you blame women for not wanting to be their social and moral equal?

It is the aim of Woman if they are allowed to voice their sentiments equally with men in behalf of the welfare of our country, to restore this country to the peaceful era in which it stood during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

If allowed to establish a reformation in the way of removing the many vices to which weak man falls a victim it may then be possible to bring man up to a social level with woman in this new era of moral virtue.

In conclusion let me say that this terrible plague of White Slavery should be abolished. It will fire your enthusiasm to the highest pitch to read the book of White Slavery. Remember it contains only absolute truths; not a single statement of fiction. This book may be obtained at mere cost by addressing the undersigned.

MAY CHRISNER MCCAULEY.

### STATE ROADS.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 17.—Bills calling for over a score of additions to the list of State highways as laid out in the act of 1911 creating the road system of Pennsylvania are before the present legislature and are considered on Capitol Hill as a remarkable indication of the interest in the movement for better highways in the Keystone State.

These bills would add roads to the main highway system in Huntingdon, Clarion, Mercer, Bradford, Centre, Chester, Berks, Armstrong, Cumberland, Perry, Bedford, Lehigh and Wyoming counties, all of them connecting with main highways as now mapped. The provisions of the bills are to the effect that on and after certain dates these roads will be known as main highways and be constructed and maintained by the State Highway department.

The appearance of these bills is indicative of that sentiment for improved roads which has been spreading in Pennsylvania and which the Pennsylvania Motorists' Association officials, who have been investigating matters, have found in almost every section of Pennsylvania. State construction and control of highways is regarded as essential to the establishment of good roads in the Keystone State, and the demands from rural counties like those which have asked for additions to the main highway system pretty clearly demonstrate that people are no longer satisfied with the old order of things.

To build these additional routes the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue will have to be drawn upon. This legislation is now pending in the general Assembly and if passed this year will go before the people for ratification. It is the idea to build the main highways from the proceeds of sales of bonds and to provide for maintenance out of current revenue. That this plan has popular support is apparent from the manner in which additional State highways are being asked of the legislature.

Less Manual Labor.  
Lady—"You seem to like my plea."  
Tramp—"It's de only one I got dis week dat I didn't have to get at wit' a can-opener."—Kansas Capital.

## Consider The Lilies

"CONSIDER the lilies of the field."—Matt. 6:26, 28, 29.

What has this text to do with Easter day? Let us think awhile. Life and death; the battle between life and death; life conquered by death; and conquered again by life. Those were the mysteries over which the men of old time thought, often till their hearts were sad. And because our forefathers were a sad and earnest folk; because they lived in a sad and dreary climate, where winter was far longer and more bitter than it is, thank God, now; therefore all their thoughts about winter and spring were sad; and they grew to despair, at last, of life ever conquering death, or light conquering darkness.

All living things would die. The very gods would die, fighting to the last against the powers of evil, till the sun should sink forever, and the world be a heap of ashes. And then—so strangely does God's gift of hope linger in the hearts of men—they saw—beyond all that, a dim dream of a new heaven and a new earth, in which should dwell righteousness; and of a new sun, more beautiful than ours; of a woman called "Life," hid safe, while all the world around her was destroyed, fed on the morning dew, preserved to be the mother of a new and happier race of men. And so to them, heathens as they were, God whispered that Christ should some day bring life and immortality to light.

"So it pleased the Father," says St. Paul, "to gather together in Christ all things, whether in heaven or in earth."

In him were fulfilled, and more

than fulfilled, the dim longings, childlike dreams, of heathen poets and sages, and of our own ancestors from whom we spring. He is the desire of all nations, for whom all were longing, though they knew it not. And now we may see, it seems to me, what the text has to do with Easter day. Be not anxious, says our Lord, for your life. Is not the life more than meat? There is an eternal life which depends not on earthly food, but on the will and word of God your Father; and that life in you will conquer death. Consider the lilies in the field. All the winter they are dead, unsightly roots, hidden in the earth. What can come of them? But no sooner does the sun of spring shine on their graves than they rise into sudden life and beauty as it pleases God, and every seed takes its own peculiar body. Even so is the resurrection of the dead.—Charles Kingsley.

### ADOPT CUSTOMS OF EUROPE

Old Country Ideas for the Celebration of Easter Have Found Favor in America.

In many homes in America there have been transplanted some of the old country Easter customs. One of these is the Scotch custom of egg rolling. On Easter morning the entire family practices this custom with brightly decorated eggs, boiled so hard that there is no danger of their cracking. Very few of the English customs have been transplanted, however, although the various shires of England have notably quaint Easter observances.

In Shropshire and Herefordshire, and especially at Shrewsbury, it is the custom to make for Easter a rich and expensive cake that is known as simnel cake. These simnel cakes are raised cakes, with a crust made of fine flour and water with saffron color added to give it a deep yellow color. The cake itself is a very rich plum cake, with candied lemon peel added. The crust is of the consistency of set cement. There is a tradition that Herefordshire women have used simnel cakes as footstools, and

it is known that the cake is commonly boiled in order to be made edible. The simnels are usually marked with a figure of Christ or of the Virgin, thus preserving the religious significance of the day.

Another special English Easter cake is the Biddenden cake. In the parish of Biddenden there is an endowment of unknown date, supposed to have been made by two women named Preston, for making a distribution of cakes among the poor every Easter Sunday afternoon. The source of the benefaction consists of twenty acres of land, commonly called the "bread and cheese" lands. Six hundred of these Biddenden cakes and 270 loaves of bread are distributed under this endowment.

### The Great Beyond.

The return of Easter is one of our Lord's ways of letting down a ladder to us that we may climb to the stars and see a little of the great beyond. Toilers of the plains below, we often miss the flashing lights thrown across the battlements for our relief. Enriched in soul we shall descend tomorrow to follow again the well-worn path of duty. But there will be a cheer upon the lips and a song in the heart, for we have dwelt a little in the heights, and the consummation of our hope draweth nigh!—Rev. M. Campbell.

### RECENT MARRIAGES IN THE COUNTY.

The parsonage of Trinity Lutheran church, Somerset, was the scene of a pretty wedding Thursday afternoon, when Miss Jeannette Shaulis, and Royal Rhoads, of Ralphton, were united in marriage by the Rev. I. H. Wagner.

Miss Winifred Marshall, of Hooversville, and John A. Berkebile, of Johnstown, were married at Hooversville, March 12th, by the Rev. John K. Huey, pastor of the Hooversville United Brethren church.

Miss Olive M. Layton of Windber, and Edgar Raymond Wagner, of Johnstown, were married at Windber, March 12th, by Justice of the Peace Robert G. Colborn.

Miss Katharine Brubaker of Shade township, and Vernon D. Naugle of Paint township, were married at Davidsville, March 13th, by Rev. D. W. Lechrone.

Miss Mary Jabe Shoff, and Herman F. Krause, both of Boswell, were married at Curtinville, Pa., March 13th, by Rev. I. P. Hawkins.

Miss Grace Connelly, and George M. Mostoller, both of Somerset township, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset United Evangelical church, March 14th, by Rev. Virgil C. Zener.

Miss Marie Swager, and Paul H. Baker, both of Somerset township, were married at Somerset, March 14th, by Rev. V. C. Zener, pastor of the Somerset United Evangelical church.

Miss Mary Ada Shaulis, and Harvey E. McVicker, both of Somerset, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset United Evangelical church, March 16th, by the Rev. V. C. Zener.

Mrs. M. Kemmer of Greensburg, and Frederice A. Shaulis of Somerset, were married at Somerset, March 17, by Rev. V. C. Zener, pastor of the United Evangelical church.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, such as furunculosis, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Purifier as a cleansing blood tonic, is well recommended. \$1.00 at all stores.

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