

National Child Labor Committee.

CHILDREN OR COTTON?

"Cotton is a curse to Texas children," remarked the superintendent of one of the Texas schools to Lewis W. Hine, special investigator for the National Child Labor Committee. And why is it a curse? This question the theme of an article by Mr. Hine on "Children or Cotton," in the "Survey" of February 7th.

"Come out with me at sun-up," says Mr. Hine, "and watch the children trooping into the fields; some of them kiddies four or five years old, to begin the pick-pick-pick, drop into the bag, step forward; pick-pick, drop into the bag, step forward, six days in the week, five months in the year, under a relentless sun. The mere sight of their monotonous repetition will tire you out long before they stop. Their working day follows the sun, and not until sun-down will they leave the fields. Ruby, aged seven, stopped working long enough to say, as I stood by her, 'I works from sun-up to sun-down, an' picks thirty-five pounds a day.' Imagine the number of feathery bolls that must go into the bag hanging about her neck to tip the scale at thirty-five pounds!

"The result of a few years of this incessant grind, long hours, physical strain, lack of proper food and lack of mental stimulus? What can it be but physical degeneration and moral atrophy? We have long assailed (and justly) the cotton industry as the Herod of the mills. The sunshine in the cotton fields has blinded our eyes to the fact that the cotton picker suffers quite as much as the mill hand from the monotony, overwork and hopelessness of his life. It is high time for us to face the truth and add to our indictment of King Cotton a new charge the Herod of the fields.

"One of the most pitiful things about the situation is the indifferent acceptance of conditions by people generally. I heard very little anxious comment except from school teachers. Ruby's father, who said, 'They git five months schoolin' and it ain't nuh,' stood out among all the parents I interviewed as a rare exception. It is quite possible that the Texas farmers are not so indifferent to the exploitation of their children as appears, for they are literally 'up against it.' They are transient workers, weighed down by debt, illiterate, and dependent upon the crops

"But I place first and foremost in any program of change the restriction of child labor. Children must be left free to go to school. At a recent conference of the Texas State Board of Charities and Corrections, all were agreed that compulsory education is the greatest need of Texas today. Patriotism demands that we save the children. We must begin at once—lay the foundation for the farmer of to-morrow by a longer period of childhood today, with better preparation for work and better training for life."

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MUST ALWAYS PRAY

Wisdom of the Master Evinc'd in His Words "Ask, and Ye Shall Receive."

Men ought always to pray. The Master said so. He knew what was in man, and needed not that any should tell him. He knew what help was in the unseen world available through prayer, for he had tested it to the full.

He prayed himself. He had more to say about prayer than any other speaker whose words stand recorded in the Bible. He would go apart in the mountains and pray all night. His efficiency in this spiritual exercise was so manifest that on one occasion, when he had ceased his devotions, his disciples came to him, saying, "Lord, teach us to pray."

It is sufficient that the One whom the most enlightened and progressive portions of the world have with one accord selected as the Ideal Man, was thus conspicuously a man of prayer. Human life in highest reaches of moral achievement, prays. If Jesus had not prayed, he would not stand today even in the eyes of those whose habits of prayer are fitful and feeble, as the Perfect Man.

The man who offers to God a sincere and thoughtful prayer brings the best that is in him to its best. While he prays, he breathes the air which is native to the noblest type of character. The noxious gases in the mine settle to the ground because they are heavier than pure air. The dog following at the heels of his master will inhale them until he falls in a stupor. The tall man, standing higher, breathing an upper and a purer air, passes on unharmed. The attitude of prayer is the act of a man rising to what higher level of thought and feeling where that quality of life which most clearly differentiates him from the brutes finds its native air.

Sets in Motion a New Force.

The man who prays enables God to more fully bestow his helpfulness upon that beseeching life. You may hold a magnifying glass in your hand and concentrate the rays of the sun upon your coat sleeve until you have burned a hole in it. The sun shines steadily with that same power, no matter how your glass may be held. But it makes a profound difference in utilizing the rays of the sun whether the glass be held squarely toward the sun and the rays focused upon the object to be ignited, whether the glass be clean or half covered with mud.

The act of prayer cleanses the life. It also brings the moral aspiration, the human affection, the kindly interest of the man who prays squarely and fairly before God's moral interest. By that very fact the rays of divine affection are concentrated and focused upon the objects of our prayerful interest until they become effective.

The man who prays introduces a new force into a given situation, which enters decisively into the determination of the issue. When the child's balloon is growing stale, it tends to settle to the floor by the power of gravitation. Yet a single breath, soft, unseen, but real, will carry it to the ceiling. There is no violation of natural law here, but the introduced of a higher force which alters the situation.

"Ask, and Ye Shall Receive."

We have not reduced the possibilities of this prayer-force acting within the large uniformities of God to anything like an exact science. We have not reduced to an exact science the influence of a mother's love upon her children, nor the subtle effect of a man's good name upon his prospects for success in the world, nor the results upon the physical process of digestion of a cheerful habit of mind. But the fact that all these beneficent forces shade off into mystery does not incline us to refuse the help of the mother's love or the good name or the cheerful habit of mind, simply because we cannot measure their results with a foot rule or lay them out by metes and bounds.

It suffices the farmer to know that if he sows he will reap. The harvest in prospect are sufficiently sure to make his hope of a return an encouragement to effort. True Christians, assured by the promises of the Master and by an ever-widening volume of religious experience, continue to "ask," knowing that they will "receive." They "seek," knowing that they will "find." They perseveringly "knock," knowing that the doors will open into the treasury house of the Unseen.

It was said of One, "As he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered." His face changed under the power of his devotion. The look of sympathy and of spiritual interest in the face of any man is sketched in finer lines when he becomes a man of prayer. And there is a cogency and a persuasive note in the very voice of a man who prays; it carries in its very tones the subtle and commanding accent of spiritual veracity. The soul of the prayerful man moves upon its royal way with the strength of ten because it has been empowered from on high with the endowment received in prayer.—Rev. Charles R. Brown, D.D.

A word unspoken is, like the sword in the scabbard, thin; if vented, thy sword is in another's hands. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.—Quarles.

Promises sometimes tempt friends, but only performances will keep them.—W. S. Royston.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 22.

FAITH DESTROYING FEAR.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—"Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God."—Luke 12:8.

The first verse of this lesson indicates the character of this period in the life of our Lord which we are now studying. It was a time of thrilling interest and of intense excitement. A time when the crowds were so great that they "trode one upon another." This may have resulted from the preaching of the seventy; but we of today can see what Jesus then saw, that this interest was only superficial and transitory. So it was that the Master turned "first of all" to his disciples lest they be deceived by this seeming popularity.

Hiding the Truth.

I. The fear of losing a reputation, vv. 2, 3. The Pharisees made great, pompous claims of their being religious. A hypocrite is one who hides behind a mask, one who is a play actor. It is pretense instead of reality. Therefore, if one is not real his fear of losing his reputation is increased in direct ratio to the extent of his deceit. The principal error of these Pharisees was that they hid the truth and at the same time refused to be ruled by it themselves. Jesus demands a new publicity (v. 2) of service and in the publicity (v. 2) of service and in the publicity (v. 2) of service.

Our Lord compares hypocrisy with leaven in that it is the product of corruption, it works secretly, it infects the whole mass. (So hypocrisy will effect our whole life and conduct.) This leaven is a sour spreading corruption that changes the whole character of a man. It cannot be hid. No amount of care can effectually cover our deceit. We may, for a time, hide our sin from men, but God knows and in due time will publish it abroad (v. 3); I. Tim. 5:24.

II. The fear of death, vv. 4, 7. Such publicity will and always has led to persecution, and so Jesus calls his disciples to courage, charging them that they fear not those who have power over the body, but rather to fear him whose power is over the soul. Notice the manner of address, "my friends, fear not." Intimacy and courage are suggested. Look up the many times the Scriptures admonish us not to fear, I. John 4:18. Satan and man (v. 5) have power over the body but they cannot touch the soul. The Christian, however, needs not to fear man or Satan, Isa. 51:12, Rom. 8:31 for the angel of Jehovah (the Lord Jesus) encamps about them that fear Jehovah (Ps. 34:7). Paul tells us that to depart from this life is again, Phil. 1:21; II. Cor. 5:8. We have, therefore, no cause to fear the death of the body. One only, God, has the power after death, to cast the soul into hell (v. 5). He it is who gives us a suggestion of spiritual consciousness of the soul, and of the body as well, when they are in hell, Matt. 10:28. Jesus has warned us and we are to warn others that they avoid that which was prepared, not for man, but for the devil and his angels, Matt. 25:41. Is there a hell? Yes! Else Jesus was deceived or has deliberately deceived us. Thank God however, that as a man is of more value than a sparrow, so God has prepared better things for those who place their faith in his son.

III. The fear of making an open confession, vv. 8-12. With such a tender, beautiful assurance of God's care over us it would seem unnecessary for Jesus to admonish his followers about confessing him before the world. Yet such is the persistent hardness and the natural timidity of the human heart that the Master, in mercy, warns his followers, Rom. 10:9, 10. Our Lord looks beyond his disciples to dispensation of the Spirit and declared that men, speaking against him would be forgiven, but that those who slander, detract and heap vituperation upon the Spirit would commit a sin, a blasphemy, which could not be forgiven. Moreover, in that dispensation of the Spirit, no matter how much men might suffer, or be in danger, they would be taught by that Spirit what they ought to say, vv. 11, 12.

The one who commits this sin, deliberately attributes to the Devil what he knows to be the work of the Spirit, Matt. 12:22-32. It is a deliberate choice of darkness and the heart is so hardened as to preclude repentance. There is no desire for repentance. Those whom Jesus calls to proclaim the truth concerning the Kingdom of God must depend upon a co-operation of the Holy Spirit which will make them fearless of all opposition. The death of the body is but an incident. As we receive the Comforter and come to know the God of all comfort we begin to sense our value to him in carrying out his enterprises and the mystery of his condescending grace. There is no warrant for undertaking work for Christ without adequate preparation, but there is sufficient warrant for fully trusting him in every emergency.

DICTOGRAPH IN VANNEAR CASE.

Evidently for the purpose of showing that the late Charles S. Vannear was influenced by a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Groner, of Newark, N. J., in making his will, certain witnesses were examined last Friday morning in the hearing over the contest of the will of Mr. Vannear.

Of interest was the testimony of Mrs. Caroline Burrows, employed at the Hotel Arlington, whose room is directly above that occupied by Mr. Vannear. Through a hole in the floor, he testified, she heard Mrs. Groner suggesting to Mr. Vannear what he should include in his will.

Ernest Mack, a stenographer in the local offices of the Consolidation Coal Company, testified how he took stenographic notes of conversations that came over a dictograph from Mr. Vannear's room. He was not positive who were conversing, but he supposed they were Mr. Vannear and Mrs. Groner, he said. Mr. Mack testified that the woman in the room was asking Mr. Vannear about his health and was talking to him about a will.

The taking of testimony was started at noon Friday and was still in progress at noon Saturday. F. M. Whalen, of New York, a Burns detective, was one of the witnesses. He told of placing the dictograph and of three people being used in taking conversations.

Dr. Robert J. Sageron, of Johnstown, who attended Mr. Vannear while he was a patient in Mercy Hospital, testified that he had at no time observed anything to indicate that the patient was of unsound mind. He said that if the allegations were true that Mr. Vannear suffered of paresis, he could still be normal in his mind and be able to transact business in a responsible manner.

Other witnesses were Dr. S. J. H. Loucher and Dr. Henry I. Marsden, both of Somerset. They observed that January 18, 1914, when they visited the patient in his room, that he was in a semi-conscious condition, but that he was able to converse intelligibly. When they visited him again January 15, they said he was unable to talk and the pupils of his eyes were contracted severely, an evidence of paresis, they claimed.

William Parson and his wife, who live on the Vannear farm, testified that during the last year Mr. Vannear had on a number of occasions seemed unsound mentally, was irritable and quarreled without provocation.

Mrs. Duncan, a daughter, testified that her father had been ill during the last year and that he often talked irrationally. This statement was corroborated by Lewis Vannear, a son, and also by Mrs. Catherine Vannear, the widow.

James W. Wooley, Borough Health Officer of Somerset, stated that he had occasion to transact business with Mr. Vannear during the last months of his life and that the old man was not in condition to attend to any business affairs.

The Rev. Dr. Hiram King and Dr. W. D. Fuller, a local veterinarian, were also witnesses for the contestants, saying that Mr. Vannear had frequently talked irrationally. In all 13 witnesses were heard. Courtroom No. 2 was crowded to the walls, as the case has attracted much interest and the number of witnesses present was more than half a hundred.

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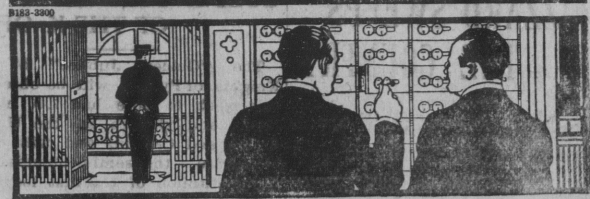
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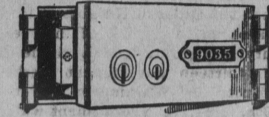
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CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

St. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 9 and 11 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Worker. Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour pastor—Services on Sunday, February 22nd at Salisbury in the morning and Meyersdale in the evening. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are cordially invited. At this time the small-pox situation at Summit Mills is so uncertain that no definite announcement can be made regarding the services in that congregation.

Fashions and Fads.

Tango is the name of the new flame color.

Artificial silk will be much used with white wool.

White n. skin shoes are always in the shops.

Nightgowns of pink and blue baste are in favor.

Satins, it is promised, will retain their vogue for spring.

One of the great spring novelties in plaids in pastel shades.

Soft, sheer organdies are being taken up for embroidering.

Cashmer shawl designs are coming back with printed taffetas.

One popular new blouse has the back, sleeves, and front yoke all cut in one.

Baroque pearls ornamented with jeweled wreaths make charming hats.

Checked skirts with solid colored coats will be much seen among spring suits.

The best tailored shirts for sports wear are those with an extra large armhole.

The pouch-shaped handbags are as fashionable as ever and liked for a certain style and dash they possess.

The train of an evening gown should be lined with its own material or with a plain silk of its own color.

Little vest "tabs" showing under the closing of the coat are almost indispensable to the fashionable costume.

More and more the long-bodied French style is seen in children's frocks, both for school and better wear.

Macrame work is gaining in favor everywhere for all sorts of objects, from girdles and handbags to table covers.

Fashion is going to the opposite extreme of tight swathing, new coats, and other wraps being positively voluminous.

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Wash Each Feature of the Face

In matters of dress the well-gowned woman is particular about such features of her toilette. In the same way should the different features of the face be looked after individually.

It isn't enough to wash the face. Each feature, the eyes, lips, mouth, nose, ears, forehead and chin need attention. Many a discriminating woman would receive a shock if she would see the cloth with which the massenge has given the preliminary wipe to her features.

Here then are some hints for the regular morning toilette of the face. Commencing with the chin, raise it high to remove any dirt that they may have collected in the loose skin or the lines or wrinkles that may be appearing, scrub, especially up behind the ears.

Particular care should be exercised in removing cold cream from these parts, since they invite and hold the dust and once started, blackheads are difficult to subdue, for the pores become enlarged and receptive.

The eyes should be washed out with salt or boracic acid water at least twice a week, and in the meantime the fingers should be kept from them.

In the daily ablation the eyelids are apt to be neglected, and so stored away in the folds of the skin, are collected dust particles. Lashes and brows must be kept scrupulously clean and no cursory method will accomplish this.

With a soft brush and warm water the eyebrows should be brushed from the nose outward, and if dry a little oil applied to the roots with a soft camel's hair brush. The lashes should be curled over the fingers.

Ears require a most painstaking toilette. Cold cream should be regularly applied to the face in order that the skin may be kept smooth and white.

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