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God; a revelation of the mind of God to man; a progressive unfolding of the mystic truths of being that it is unintelligent for anyone to remain ignorant of it?

The Bible, which has been the leading "best seller" in the United States for generations, is still also the best seller in Germany in spite of the competition of Hitler's Mein Kampf, which is practically compulsory reading. According to the Prussian Bible Society the Bible has outsold Mien Kampf by about 200,000 copies yearly in the six years since the Nazis assumed power.

Evidently the Bible is worth studying. Come to the Mid-week Bible class and see for yourself—that it is one of the most interesting, stimulating, inspiring, uplifting and entertaining books in the world.

THE SOWER

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THE INDIVIDUAL WILL AND THE COLLECTIVE WILL.

Obviously, if religion is to influence life, it cannot be embodied in personal attitudes alone. The principles and spirits of it must be embodied in the social order, for whatever is in the social order, converts, in large measure, those under that order.

If religion turns over the social, the economic and the political to other ways of life, and hopes to influence the individual through personal contacts, it will be fighting a losing battle. The situation is loaded against its success. True, it will influence individuals here and there, and we must be grateful for that influence, but it makes religion the occasional and the marginal instead of the central formative fact in life.

Obviously, we must do both, for evil can be in the individual will and it can be in the collective will. There is such a thing as an evil soul and there is such a thing as an evil system. If we do not undertake to cure evil in the social order, then religion becomes an ambulance corps in human life picking up the wounded instead of a banner leading the army.

In the film, ANTHONY ADVERSE, religion is seen tending to sick slaves and rescuing the aged and the infirm from cruelty, but doing nothing to stop the slave traffic itself. It was only softening the system; it was not changing it.

When we make the Kingdom of God into a merely personal thing, we turn into a personal insurance policy what God intended to be a charter of social and personal redemption.

If the objection is raised that if you get sufficient individuals converted, you will thereby of necessity change the social order, our reply is that this does not necessarily follow. For the social order is not made up of individuals now living—it is made up of inherited attitudes, institutions, customs, laws, and these exist, in large measure, independently of the individual wills now living. Change those individual wills and you do not of necessity change the social order, unless you organize those changed individual wills into social action on a large scale, frontal attack upon those corporate evils.

In the city of Wellington in South Africa, in front of the church where Andrew Murray gave forty years of beautiful ministry, there is a statue of him seated in an armchair with an open Bible in front of him, his saintly face looking toward the cross roads. The colored people reverence him very greatly, and on their way to the liquor shops they will pass by this statue lest Andrew Murray see them, but go round by some side lane. The moral influence of Murray was, and is, very, very great. But it is a losing battle he is fighting against drink. For by statute it had been made legal to pay off these colored laborers in liquor as a part of their wages. The moral suasion of Murray was great and very beautiful but utterly inadequate against an evil that had become embodied in the social order.

Change the individual wills of both the laborers and the employers and it will not be enough unless you organize those individual wills into collective action to extirpate that social evil, rooted in economic greed.

Most of the employing farmers are deeply religious men, but oblivious of this social evil, for religion in South Africa has been and is interpreted in very personal terms.

You could change every single person in the world today by an individual conversion, and unless you put the content of social change into that individual conversion your social order will remain exactly what it is.

As Dr. Halford E. Luccock says: "By sinking individual wells in your back yard you don't thereby have a city water system." I repeat—if the Kingdom of God is totalitarian, then it must take in the whole of life, and life includes both the social and the personal.—Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

DIPHTHERIA, ONCE DREAD OF MOTHERS, CAN NOW BE CONQUERED FACTS SHOW

Diphtheria, once the dread of mothers, can be conquered. It attacks children, mostly at an early age.

Eighty per cent or more of fatal cases in children occur between the ages of one and five.

The city of Erie has not had a diphtheria death during the past four years.

In Philadelphia, from 1890 to 1894, the death rate from this disease was almost 120 per 100,000 population.

In 1937, the diphtheria experience in Philadelphia was 129 cases reported, 8 deaths; population of Philadelphia county, 1,950,961.

Immunization is painless, harmless and life saving.

Against diphtheria it should be administered to infants after the age of 8 months and before one year of age.

If all children were immunized as they should be, in infancy, there should be no deaths from this disease.

In 1923, there were 4,078 deaths listed from 88 cities of the United States, with a total population of 31,060,848. Fifteen years later, in 1938, there

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were only 473 deaths from the same number of cities whose total population was 38,410,548.

Intensive programs encouraging diphtheria immunization are being directed by various public health administrators, with the family doctor dispensing such preventive service in his own office.

It is these protection programs so extensively maintained throughout the country that produce the lower death rate from diphtheria.

Children immunized now will be protected against the dangers of catching the disease when they go to school next fall.

Grade school children, if not previously immunized, should be.

High school children are a bit old for diphtheria immunization.

The proper time for this preventive measure is during infancy.

Figures definitely prove the worth of immunization.

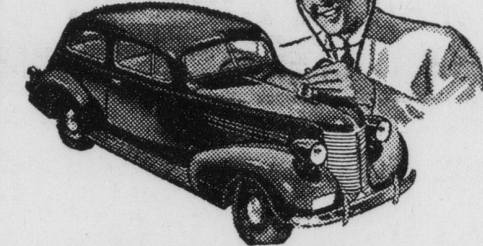
Erie, the Pennsylvania city that has taught and practiced diphtheria immunization, has not had a death from the disease in four years.

DO YOU KNOW? During 1938 there were 14,387 cases of smallpox reported in the United

States, mostly of a mild type. The majority of these cases occurred in the West North Central group of states where the laws regarding small-

pox vaccination are more lax than in other sections. What a reiteration on the efficiency of the health department or law enforcement in those states.

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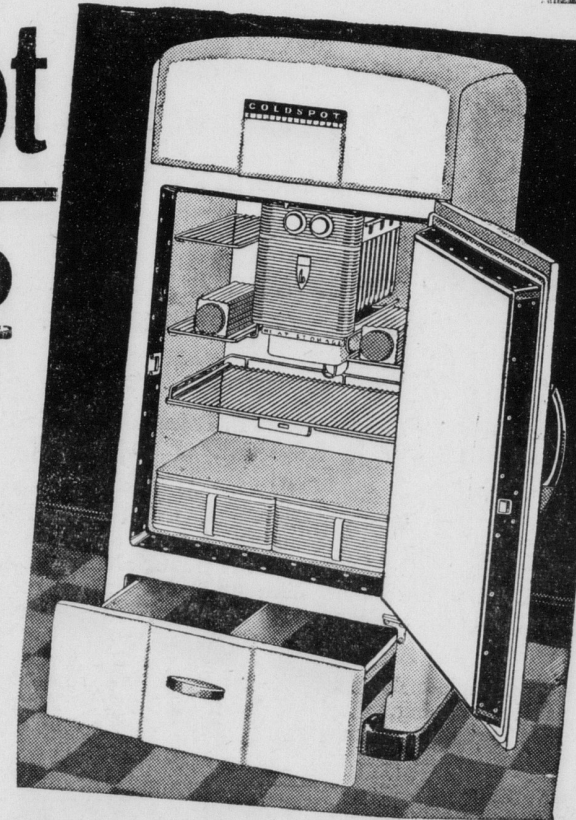
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