

confronted with greater evils which are more dangerous by far to the interests not only of individuals but also of the country. This is because the press, aside from giving rise to scandal and its subsequent evils, cultivates in the minds of children an interest in crime that may, and we can with great assurity predict, will lead to an increase of criminals in the near future.

The newspaper of to-day instead of giving useful information on current topics, as was the end that the press in its infancy labored to produce, is to-day, allowing scandal, romance and sensationalism to prevail instead of solid truth, which should be its first and principal object.

The object of every newspaper should be to give to the public good wholesome news. But, let us ask ourselves what is news? In answer to this query, let us go to some gathering when people are together on an evening. What do they talk about: some, indeed, may converse on ordinary affairs, but most of the conversation is concerning those things which exceed the ordinary. For instance, if Tommy spilt ink on a visitor's gown it would likely be commented on, but if he had been a well-behaved boy it would pass unnoticed. Again, if Mr. and Mrs. Brown are living happily together it may only be mentioned, but if Mrs. Brown is applying for a divorce a current of conversation will at once be opened, which, needless to say, will be discussed until, having been looked at in every conceivable way, shape and manner, the subject is dropped simply because nothing more remains to be said.

The newspaper in order to obtain news employs these very same tactics; that is, it allows all unsensational, ordinary affairs to pass, if not unnoticed, at least very sparingly referred to, and it picks out all the scandals, the murders, the robberies, the suicides, and the other sensational events which occur during the day. Does this maintain the object for which the press was first established? Decidedly not. It only means that instead of the good, wholesome news which we need in order to be versed in current events, we are given as a substitute graphic accounts of murders and robberies and other literature of the same sort.

A newspaper in order to be a successful money-making concern must be drawn up on lines which will please everybody, and in this way the feminine portion of the public becomes a part of the newspaper problem. But what do they desire from a paper? To answer this, let us go to some sewing circle on an afternoon. Women are gathered here, as they tell us, to sew, but is this what they do? No. It may have been the object for which the circle