

children, we must arm ourselves for a continued, long, hard fight till this giant evil is worsted and cast out.

So of the press and reading of the people. Papers and books are primarily business enterprises. As a printer said to me talking on this very matter the other day: "We must make the business pay or burst." Sensational things sell; details of horrible murders; prize fights; the sewer sides of private and public life sell because the people, including church members, buy and buy greedily and read. These buyers are the ultimate cause of the success of such stuff in the press. None the less the press and caterers to amusements are largely responsible for discovering and revealing to the people their own bad taste and yielding to its evil demands.

We are not condemning the press more than its best friends condemn it. In the main it is pure, high-toned, and its columns open to church notices, sermons, letters on religious and moral questions. We are merely noting the point of dangerous temptation against which we need to educate our people and against which Christian editors and newspaper men need to set their faces like a flint.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Committee desire to present the following recommendations:

1. That this Synod, having heard of the large measure of success attending the various departments of Church Life and Work in the congregations within her bounds during the past year, expresses her profound gratitude and thanksgiving to God; heartily commends the spirit of willing service that has moved so many of her people to give of their time and money, and earnestly prays that, guided by God's Holy Spirit into all the truth, she may so read and understand the signs of the time and may adopt such methods of work as will hasten the coming of the Master's Kingdom.
2. That inasmuch as the answers received by the Presbyteries, conveners and transmitted to this committee indicate that the replies to the Assembly's questions have been prepared by one or two individuals, frequently by the minister alone, this Synod would suggest that the questions be answered in a full meeting of the Session, and be afterward read at a meeting of the congregation.