

- (b) The former benefit the community as well as the individual by extending man's control over nature for the supply of human wants. They add something to the general store of wealth and convenience.
- (c) The legitimate enterprise is really an act of faith in the order and rationality of the universe, not an appeal to chance. It serves to guard against the element of uncertainty ; whereas the very fascination of gambling depends on the cutting out of the element of reason.

2. A bet may be defined as "*a stake upon chance for gain without labour.*" Gambling is contracting to give or receive money or goods without a just equivalent in exchange, and upon conditions that are for the most part beyond the foresight or control of the parties engaged in the transaction. Bishop Westcott has given this definition : " It is the habitual seeking of personal gain through another's loss, though with his consent, without making any adequate return for what they received or adding anything to the sum of their common wealth." To put the case in still another way, we may describe it as the determination of the ownership of property by appeal to chance, chance being equivalent to the resultant of the play of natural forces which cannot be controlled or calculated.

Just in proportion as the elements of skill and judgment are eliminated, will gambling be "pure" and "unadulterated" ; so far as the determining power of chance is qualified by skill and judgment, gambling will be "mixed."

3. Gambling is thus seen to be the perversion of certain natural and proper human instincts, and an attempt to satisfy them in a wrong way. At its root there lie these instincts :—

- (a) *The desire for money.* Money can procure much that men rightly desire—security for self and others against want, freedom from anxiety about primal needs, comfort, leisure, education, influence over others, the power of realizing worthy projects. If these ambitions are directed to unselfish and God-like ends, they are not wrong in themselves. But when hard toilers see great wealth often accumulated without effort by the appeal to chance, they may be strongly tempted to seek this short and easy road to riches.