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The Outlook

Juvenile Offenders

The issue of the report mentioned above gives point to the recent Annual Report of the Head Constable for Liverpool, a city that abounds in social experiments. While there has been a decrease in general crime, there has been a marked increase in the number of juvenile offenders, and this is giving concern. Much of the evil is caused by boys who have escaped from parental control or whose parents have lost influence over them. In the majority of cases of theft the plea was to get money for admission to picture palaces. The Head Constable remarks that the growing taste for sensational amusement is to be deprecated, and the substitution of some healthy form of outdoor recreation is much to be desired. He also points out the great lack of employment for children in the city, and this causes long periods of idleness during which they get into mischief. Advantage has been taken of the Children Act of 1908 to enquire into the condition of a large number of families, where the parents are of drunken or vicious habits, and over 40,000 visits have been paid to homes by the special police in the interests of child care. The report should stir up all who are working for better social conditions, and not least of all those who believe that it is through the power of the Gospel that these children and young people are to be saved from the abounding evils of the day. The application to Canada is too direct to need further emphasis.

The Toronto Juvenile Court

We have just received the first Annual Report of the Juvenile Court of Toronto, and we desire to express our satisfaction with the results and to offer our congratulations to Commissioner Starr on the admirable social service he has rendered. It is interesting to observe that "The Children's Court" in Toronto was the first to be established on this continent, although similar courts were already in existence in Australia. The advantages of such a court over the old police court methods of dealing with youthful offenders are untold, especially in their provision of opportunities of recovery as well as of help afforded to anxious parents. The establishment of the Children's Court marks a great advance in social welfare and legislation, for it is just where our Criminal Courts cease that the real work of the Juvenile Court begins. The report is full of interest, and fills us with encouragement and hope for the future. The work of child welfare is rightly said to be only in its infancy at present, but even already the results achieved have been wonderful and give promise of infinitely wider blessing for the years to come. The entire report is worthy of careful attention and we commend it with all possible heartiness to the attention of those who are rightly concerned for the highest welfare of the childhood of our

Inspection of Cinematographs

The report from Liverpool, mentioned above, is strikingly confirmed by an article in the current number of "The Hibbert Journal," by Canon Rawnsley, who pleads earnestly for a more systematic inspection of cinematograph halls. He urges the appointment of trained men and women who should know at a glance a down-grade or demoralizing film when they see it. The list of horrors and sensations presented by Canon Rawnsley is so terrible that the film manufacturers cannot ignore his impeachment of their wares. Murders, massacres, executions, crimes against property and persons, lynchings, and even exhibitions of the horrors of hell-all these, while not technically indecent in a criminal way, are the shows which Canon Rawnsley condemns as harmful to the moral health of the people. He thinks that the country should realize that it is no use spending millions of money on elementary education, if children are allowed to attend a cinema show until eleven o'clock at night, and then go home so overwrought and excited that they cannot sleep. It is a satisfaction to know that the educational authorities in England are coming to agreement as to the need of protecting young children. These English conditions afford material for solemn thought in connection with Canada, and constitute a call to us to do our utmost to protect our boys and girls from that which is so utterly demoralizing.

A Call for Watchfulness

It should be known as widely as possible that the organization called "The International Bible Students' Association," which has just completed a convention in Toronto, is none other than the Movement called "Millennial Dawn," associated with Pastor Russell. Many people are deceived by the title of the organization into thinking that it is a helpful and orthodox effort. It is known that during the past few years the Movement has assumed several names, including "The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society," "Millennial Dawn,"

and also its present title. Some weeks ago, as a correspondent has recently pointed out, a periodical called "The Bible Study Club" was scattered broadcast, professing to treat the Sunday School Lessons in a true and helpful way. It is more than possible that some people have been deceived by the circular accompanying this periodical. But the character of the teaching soon reveals itself. The whole Movement emanates from a man whose recent law suits have given him an unenviable notoriety, and it is hardly surprising that the organization has adopted so many titles. Judged by the true standard of Holy Scripture, the teaching of Pastor Russell and his associates is pernicious in the extreme, because it denies some of the most vital and fundamental doctrines of the Bible connected with our Lord and His redemptive work.

A Splendid Testimony

The Rev. C. E. Whittaker gave a stirring account last week at Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, of work within the Arctic Circle. Twenty years ago, when Bishop Stringer first went as a missionary, the conditions were terrible in degradation, filth and evil. These results were due not only to the Eskimos themselves, but to the men who came in to trade, who were unrestrained by any law of God or man. According to Mr. Whittaker, Bishop Stringer did more by his example than anything else to show the simple Eskimos what life meant, and although the results came slowly there were tangible proofs before long that the Word of God had not returned void. Coming from someone who is on the spot, such a testimony to the Gospel and to missionary life and influence is particularly valuable, and the message should be spread far and wide, especially among those who question the value of missionary work. Wherever the Gospel goes and is allowed free course the beneficent effects are seen.

A Noteworthy Convention

We desire to give a very hearty welcome to the American Association known briefly as the "Gideons," which held its annual convention in Toronto last week. The "Gideons" represent an Association of Commercial Travellers and have a fellowship of over eight thousand. They assist their clergy in Services, hold Evangelistic meetings, and co-operate in Y.M.C.A. work. Perhaps the most interesting and valuable aspect of their service is the way in which they have arranged to provide Bibles in many hotels throughout North America. The plan is to obtain the permission of the proprietor to put a Bible in every bed-room in the hotel. This has already been done to the extent of thousands of volumes and the testimony to blessing is undoubted. We wish that all possible blessing may be the result of the conference, feeling sure that the wayside evangelism of busy men travelling from place to place will be increasingly owned and blessed of God to the salvation and edification of many

Dishonesty in Trade

According to a recent report to the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Ontario seems to have a bad reputation among the apple buyers of the West. It is said that Western buyers are generally refusing to take Ontario fruit, owing to the fraudulent manner in which it is packed and shipped, and as a result the Western consumer is obtaining