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**Down on Tobacco.**—There will be no more smoking among Ohio Wesleyan University students. The rule is one of long standing, but has not been rigidly enforced. When students who had been addicted to the use of tobacco attempted to enroll for the winter term, January 7, they were first obliged to sign a pledge to smoke no more. Most of them took the alternative rather than forfeit their student privileges. The feeling against tobacco seems to be getting more intense in every direction.

**Pauperism on Both Sides.**—Miss Jane Adams puts an important truth in a strong way when she says: "If I wear a garment which has been made in a sweat shop or a garment for which the maker has not been paid a living wage, or a wage so small that his earnings had to be supplemented by the earnings of his wife and children, then I am in debt to the man who made my cloak. I am a pauper if I permit myself to accept charity from the poorest people in the community."

**Stirring Music.**—Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, the new pastor at Tremont Temple, Boston, believes in stirring Christian music. His favorite is "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and he always prefers those which have "action and masculine strength." In the course of a recent sermon he said, "It is a fact that our hymns contain too much confectionized religion; stirring hymns, with fire and vigor, have been largely left out, and there is too much of the high diddle-diddle, soft, sweetened matter left in. Such hymns tend to somnolence rather than to the awakening of people."

**Alarming Figures.**—The awful hold which the liquor traffic has upon England is shown by the figures presented by an English paper of the number of persons visiting the churches and public houses on a certain Sunday, in the town of Paddington, which has a population of 142,690. It has 59 churches and chapels, and 249 drinking places, 166 of which are open on Sunday.

	Went to Church on Sunday.	Visited the Public-house on Sunday.
Men	8,099	83,411
Women	16,275	28,118
Children	6,987	10,646
Totals	31,351	122,175

The most discouraging thing about the

situation is that while the church's grasp of the people is loosening that of the public house is tightening.

**A Man of Prayer.**—In a recent issue of the *Central Christian Advocate*, Rev. James Mudge has an interesting article on "The Religious Experience of D. L. Moody," in which he says: "Nothing is more marked about him than his devotion to God's Word, and his very high estimate of the importance of prayer. He rose at daybreak, at five o'clock or at six, according to the season, to get an hour of quiet solitary communion with God, while his mind was fresh, before the activities of the day divided his attention, as an indispensable preparation for the day's work. He devoted it mainly to the

a total aggregate membership of something over 3,500,000. Within the last twenty-three years it is thought that at least fourteen millions of people have been connected with the society. Three millions of associate members have been brought into evangelical churches, and ten millions of dollars given by societies for church expenses and missions. Already fifty different Christian Endeavor papers and magazines are published in half as many different languages."

**A Southern Hero.**—Last summer, at Chautauqua, we heard General John B. Gordon give his wonderful lecture on "The last days of the Confederacy." It was an exceedingly interesting story that the old warrior told, but no one could

hear it without praying that the time might come when war would be no more. Here is one of his stories which combines the humorous with the pathetic: At the battle of Appomattox, when the end came, General Gordon ordered his chief aid to take a flag of truce to the Union commander. "We have no flag, sir," said the aid. "Take your handkerchief and tie it to a stick." "I have no handkerchief, general." "Tear of your shirt, then." "There is not a white shirt in the army, general. I have a flannel one, but it's far from white." General Gordon recently passed away, and both North and South have been saying kind things of him. In view of his departure, we would not have missed his lecture for twice what it cost to go to Chautauqua.

IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE FIRST VOLUME OF OUR BIBLE STUDY COURSE, "STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST," HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THIRTY-FIVE WEEKS, CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO TAKE IT UP DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

Scriptures. He was an untiring Bible student, filling copy after copy of the Word with marginal notes and illustrative nugget thoughts. It nourished and strengthened his inner life; as nothing else could. It was sweeter to him than the honeycomb. Prayer also held a great place with him. He was much in supplication, and records many answers. But he did not, as a rule, spend much time in secret prayer. Protracted seasons of agonizing petition did not seem called for in his case. The very atmosphere in which he lived was one of constant communion with God. It was perfectly easy for him to stop wherever he was and talk with the Father as naturally as with a friend. He often did it as he was driving in the country. His closeness of walk was not limited to special occasions, but was continuous and very blessed."

**Christian Endeavor Society.**—The Christian Endeavor Souvenir Almanac says: "As nearly as can be ascertained, there are in all the world something over 64,000 Christian Endeavor Societies with

**A Sensible Girl.**—Miss Whun Min Liang, the sixteen year old daughter of the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, now residing in Washington, seems to be a young lady of rare common sense, judging from some remarks recently made by her. She says: "I do not mean to criticise, but there is one thing that I don't understand about American girls, and that is their eagerness to discuss the subject of dress. Almost the day of my arrival in this country questions about the style of dress began to be put to me, as though that were the most important of all subjects. In my country these things are considered very trivial and only the unlettered women waste time talking of them. As a matter of course, we dress according to the most approved custom and think no more about it."