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alisms that have fastened their tentacles upon our very vitals as a nation.

The spiritual mirror of right and wrong must be replaced in the mind of the American citizen. The fundamental laws of society must again become a potential force, the mental ballast of the individual. The unwritten law of give and take must again begin tc function, opening the way to wipe from our statute books some of the prohibitive and liberty infringing laws that we have lately been busy cluttering up the machinery with. To prohibit to others that which we find means to indulge in ourselves, is a pernicious practice anywhere and most condemnable in the United States of America.

Self-government begins with the individual. Where the individual consciousness is properly developed there will be little need for stringent and complicated lawmaking. A people that is everlastingly busy creating laws of restraint is showing an alarming depreciation of moral and civic consciousness.

The spiritual law, "love thy neighbor as thy self" might be stressed to advantage where this situation has developed. "Do unto others as you want others to do unto you" is a code that is hard to improve upon A few of these basic laws, with a spiritual meaning if properly imbedded in the mind, would remove the cause for the over-abundance of state legislation that we suffer from at the present time, and place the responsibility in citizenship upon the individual where it belongs.

There are omens indicating a return to better business principles among American businessmen. Religion may not mix in the business of the getrich-quick type of citizen, whose "phenominal" success invariably leads to the lowlands of doubt, disrepute and hate and seldom if ever to the higher levels of faith, esteem and love; but religion is nevertheless a cogent element for permanence in business and for ample remuneration for well directed efforts. The American with a promise of permanence, whether he is native or foreign-born, is the man who believes in religion in business and the practical application of the Golden Rule.

All our group movements for the uplift of the individual, to which the businessman of our day is giving so much time and attention, may be all for the betterment of humanity, but if we had more of individual application, more of a spiritual concern in the well-being of our fellowmen and the spiritual welfare of our country, more of the practice of right thinking and living, it is beyond all doubt that we would be striking at roots of the cause for our multiplied social and industrial ailments.

The trained and well paid scientific social worker may be all right, but if he is to be permanently left on the job to keep up our moral and social standards, we venture to predict that the social agencies will have to multiply until it erelong will become necessary to place a social worker in a supervising and sustaining contact with every other American home.

What we need is the good old-fashioned individual example everywhere, in our business and home life,

in our work and in our play, a revival of the spiritual concept of life; and we are old fashioned enough to believe that the effect would be a lessening of the apparently growing need for stringent legislation and regulation and for uplift work in every direction where the breaking down of the individual morale is calling for attention.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

By Charles W. Pugsley, President, State College, South Dakota **A** FEW YEARS ago, when science was a bit younger, people became confused because it appeared on the surface that science and religion were in conflict. As a matter of fact it was only the teachers of science and religion who were in conflict. It was their notions and ideas. Science and God can never be in conflict for they are one and the same. Science is truth. God is truth. We may not know the truth wholly, and hence may not be able to make our ideas of God and our ideas of a scientific fact coincide.

Throughout the historic age man has changed his ideas of fact. Recently he has been passing rapidly from the age of superstition to the age of knowledge. The first effect of this was to shake his belief in God, because the facts as he discovered them did not conform to God as God had been taught to him. The effect today, as our knowledge advances, and as superstition is crowded more and more into the background, is to strengthen our belief in God.

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