

a sneaking way of saying "independence of the priest," and the only thing that is necessary for an idiot to do to be called saved is to open his mouth and swallow what the advocates of the Signs of the (heathen) Times tell him are the words of God.

Kind friends of the Holy Spooks, be not so deceived. What the child wants is independence governed by reason. Do not crush the highest development out of the child. Let the parents teach the children to love them and their very independence will be a blessing. Don't lie to the little children and tell them that there is a God and a devil. You do not know that there is, and think how cruel it is to rob the innocent ones of their inherent independence and teach them things as divine truths that you are as ignorant of as they.

#### A Lesson in Scientific Morality and Hygiene.

By Eliza Mory Bliven.

We live on the main road between two manufacturing cities, Danielson and Willimantic. Near the house the road forks. There is no guide-board, so, many travellers stop to inquire which road to take, and tramps ask for something to eat. Last Monday a big, fat, ragged dirty tramp of the most repulsive type stopped. He asked for work and food, but his looks showed how little he would work. I gave him a plate of food, which he ate on the door-step, then asked for more. He knew everybody around here, and talked continually while eating. My husband, going by the door, halted a few minutes and advised him to give up liquor, but it only led him to talk of his own, his father's and others' drinking, in gossiping style. He hung around some time, then shambled off, leaving a mass of broken food, half-chewed apple, water and mud all over the lower step which I had to clean up. My husband advised me not to give food to such hereafter.

My thoughts took this direction: We women are responsible for tramps. We feed and clothe them, while they spend what little they can earn or beg for liquor and tobacco. Women are afraid if they don't give them food they will injure something, just as men are afraid if they help stop the liquor traffic drinking men will injure their property. Both are cowards. Let us cultivate courage. Praying and preaching do very little to stop the use of intoxicants and tobacco. Courage and deeds are the necessary weapons. Women are responsible for the continuance of both vices and for all their bad results because they can themselves make all necessary prohibitory laws and enforce them also; and the evils will continue till they acquire courage and wisdom enough to do it.

First:--Stop feeding tramps;

give no food nor clothing to any who use intoxicants or tobacco. Boycott all women who won't join this strike. Soon all tramps would be starved into total abstinence and work; then their brain would become active, conscience would brighten, they would become ashamed to beg, become industrious and prosper, and secure a home and a wife.

Second:--Every woman must make and enforce prohibitory laws in her own home. Cook no food, wash, nor sew, for husband, brother or son till they give up using all intoxicants and tobacco. They will rebel and perhaps retort, "give up your tea, coffee, patent medicines and corsets." Well, these are hurtful, set bad examples, and are no harder for women to give up than for men to give up liquor and tobacco and women should abstain therefrom. Men will be obliged to become total abstainers when the women have sufficient courage and perseverance to enforce this prohibition.

Third:--Women must study foods, and cook only what are health-promoters, and allow none to overeat. Hurtful materials in foods, or overeating, clog some organs and overwork and weaken others, thus creating nearly all diseases, as well as the hankering appetite for liquors, medicines and tobacco. Hence woman's cookery is responsible, and women must learn what to cook to stop drunkenness, and the use of tobacco, and all the crimes, poverty and other evils resulting therefrom. Such lessons in practical Scientific Morality and Hygiene should be printed in every paper and taught everywhere, every Sunday and every day, that all the masses may become wise and righteous. The women themselves can, and must do this. Somehow women expect men to do what they will not do and both expect God to do the needful things, that they will not try to do themselves. Is this as it should be? Let us each do all we can and encourage others to do likewise.

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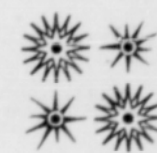
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