

COOPERATIVE CHRISTIANITY IS SUBJECT

No recent sermon by a Hood River minister has aroused greater comment than that delivered Sunday by Rev. F. Gordon Hart, pastor of Riverside Church. The sermon is given below:

Acknowledgment is made in this sermon of frequent reference to Sherwood Eddy's "Religious and Social Justice" and to the report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

While the title of this sermon is in reality a redundancy it is meant to suggest that Christianity calls for cooperative effort in seeking solutions to certain problems that affect our corporate life.

We are to deal now with domestic problems which affect us all. If we can be aroused to the seriousness of these problems and realize how really they affect us all, then this message will have served its purpose.

Prohibition, in the consideration of this problem we may recognize at the outset that in the popular mind regard to the whole prohibition situation. It is well to recognize also that we are here dealing with a problem which in reality is as old as the hills. Prohibition does not create the problem, though some there are who think that prohibition laws of the United States have served only to aggravate the whole problem.

Others hold that prohibition laws are only possible solution for the liquor problem. When we come to an unbiased study of the situation we find it extremely difficult to arrive at accurate findings, and possibly the first requisite for an unbiased study is to refresh our minds as to the conditions which prevailed in pre-prohibition days. Memory is fickle and it is an easy matter for the individual to forget what those conditions were in the social, political and industrial world.

Again we need to remember that all great reforms come slowly. In the year 1853, John Marshall, the great justice of the Supreme Court, was anxious as to the outcome of the Constitution of the United States, 46 years after its ratification. The slave trade was legally prohibited in 1807, but it was not until 1851 that it was actually stamped out.

No one will deny that a very serious situation confronts the country today. Well organized efforts are being made in many quarters to nullify the prohibitory laws and it is not too much to say that in these attempts the very principles of democratic government are at stake. Our democratic form of government was founded upon the theory that the people themselves have the wisdom and the authority to make laws, which in turn they, themselves, shall agree to obey. It is too much to contend that the moonshiners, the bootlegger, the high-jacker, the political dry, and the respectable citizen, who takes a drink of liquor, are all in the same category? One thing is clear—there would be no moonshiner or bootlegger were it not for the citizen who demands his liquor.

If the repeal of the prohibitory laws seems desirable, a way is open for the repeal of these laws, but surely no sane American citizen will argue that the way to the solution of this intricate problem is by the violation of the Constitution of the United States. In a candid review of the liquor situation, it will be well for us to look to our own house and to seek to set that in order before we seek to reform in the nation at large. There can be no deducing the fact that Hood River presents a dangerous local situation. It is beside the mark to argue that the condition existing here is no worse than that to be found in many another of our towns if we are sincere in our desire to right evil conditions, we must show our sincerity by facing frankly and earnestly the situation that prevails in our own community first.

It is a matter of public knowledge that a most unfortunate and regrettable condition prevailed in our city on Armistice Day. We are not among those who would hold an organization responsible for the acts of individuals, but when an organization permits the occurrence of such incidents as those which have now become public knowledge, the one occurrence may be regarded as an incident to be regretted, but forgotten, but if a recurrence be permitted, then the organization serves notice to the most lawless elements in the community that under its auspices there is some place where lawless congenial atmosphere for their lawless operations.

growing evil, affecting the very vitals of our national life; 175,000 divorces are now being granted annually in the United States. This is the highest divorce rate in the world, surpassing even Russia and Japan. Of every 60 marriages, ten end in the divorce courts. The rate is twice as high as it was twenty years ago and four times as high as it was sixty years ago. The most alarming fact in connection with this problem is that two dependent children are involved on an average in every divorce granted in our country and it is the universal testimony of judges who deal with juvenile delinquency that by far the larger majority of cases that come before them are the product of homes wrecked by divorce. Some of these are who rejoice in laws which make divorce easy for their profess to see in this situation the emancipation of men and women from an intolerable slavery.

A striking commentary on this condition may be gleaned from Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." In this monumental work Gibbon says: "When the Roman matrons became the equal and voluntary companions of their lords, a new jurisprudence was established, that marriages like other partnerships, might be dissolved by the abrogation of one of the parties, and in three centuries of prosperity and corruption, this principle was enlarged to frequent practice and pernicious abuse. Passion, interest, or caprice, suggested daily motives for the dissolution of marriage; a mere word, a message, a letter, the mandate of a freeman, declared the separation; the most tender of human emotions were degraded to a transient society of profit or pleasure."

Yet great as the divorce evil undoubtedly is, it should be recognized that the real root of the evil lies deeper. Divorce signifies always the failure of marriage. A new school of the prophets is needed to call men back to the recognition of marriage as a divine institution. We need to hear again the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark when he says: "From the beginning of the creation, male and female created He them. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they two shall become one flesh." Marriage is intended to be a physical and spiritual union of two free individuals. Upon this foundation alone for the individual to forget what those conditions were in the social, political and industrial world.

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A word to parents may be timely at this point. Certainly no parent concerned to instill into his child a respect for the laws of his country when the child has knowledge of the fact that his father is himself a lawbreaker. The problem of sex is the problem of every human being. It is one associated with our profoundest emotions. We have been prone to make of sex a thing sacred, unmentionable, to be despised or mortified. The Church, alas, has through the centuries been silent upon the subject. Sherwood Eddy says: "The Church has at times been hindered by professional jealousy, by traditional asceticism in matters of sex. Instead of proving to be a Good Samaritan to sexually suffering humanity, it has been primarily the Levite of old passing by on the other side of these sex problems. Apart from its censorious warning to youth, which is misunderstood today in the church as the holiest of holies, religion has for the most part been silent on the crucial subject of sex."

Yet, says Mr. Eddy further, "From the healthy basis, which permeates all the life of the body, and when developed into its higher spiritual possibilities, all the life of the soul as well, there spring love and the whole impulse of creativity; manhood and womanhood; fatherhood and motherhood; the family and the home; our conception of God as Father; and man as brother; parental care; and the highest mystical union; sacrifice and service; charity and courage; the use of beauty and art; and many of the highest and holiest developments in morality and religion." The home, too, has been strangely silent upon this subject. The questions of every normal child questions arise at an early age concerning the origins of life. How are these questions dealt with in the average home? Is it not true that too often the blankets of silence with a strange and unaccountable silence? In consequence the child turns to questionable sources for the answer, and untold evil is wrought in the plastic mind by the vicarious experience of this impertinent. A noted physician and sociologist declares that ignorance concerning sex matters is responsible for most unhappy marriages. While this may sound like a somewhat exaggerated statement to many, yet there is no gaining the fact that many a marriage is wrecked on the rock of ignorance. But ignorance may be corrected, and there is a growing body of literature of the right kind available on these matters.

NATURE'S TEETH PRE-SERVER—THE APPLE

(By Dr. Phillip Welch, in Better Fruit)

Savages are known for their wonderful teeth, though they never give them any care at all. They use Nature's dentrifice in a natural way. "What is the best thing to clean the teeth with?" is the question most often asked. It is the question most often asked. This is a more important question than we might at first think, firstly, because we know that a clean tooth will not decay. Therefore if we find the solution to this question, we find the solution in preventing decayed teeth. Second, the mouth is the doorway to the body. All our food, our drinking water and even the air we breathe, passes through the mouth and when the mouth is not clean these life-giving elements are contaminated right in the mouth.

New York City alone spent \$177,000,000 to insure its inhabitants clean drinking water; many more millions are spent to keep our food clean. The advantages of much of this expenditure are wasted and let us see why. Time and again we have taken large groups of people; people that were supposed to have been above average intelligence, who were impressed with the importance of a clean mouth, who earnestly thought and believed they had a clean mouth, who would clean their teeth every day after each meal. We examined the mouths of these people and what did we find? More than 90 per cent had unclean mouths, stained teeth, decayed or rotting teeth, films about their teeth, their teeth, inflamed and bleeding gums.

These statements are by no means exaggerated. If you want to be convinced, here is a good way. Get a small mirror from your dentist, a good supply of light and stand in front of a large mirror. Take a good look into your mouth, particularly the inside surface of your six lower front teeth. They draw a piece of thread or dental floss between your back teeth and note results. To get the contrast look into the mouth of any wild animal and note the really clean teeth.

Again get a clean view of the teeth of the different members of your family and note that most of them have stains, films and deposits around their teeth. If you will make this inspection you certainly will agree that we have utterly failed in keeping our mouths clean. In spite of all the miraculous tooth pastes, in spite of all the wonderful mouth washes, with the whole nation digging their teeth with most promising tooth brushes, the people have not been able to keep their mouths clean.

My experience which stretches over a period of ten years close observation in mouth hygiene, prompts me to make the broad statement that with the best tooth brush and any of the toothpastes or powders on the market it is impossible for the patient to really clean his own mouth. For years I instructed my patients to clean their mouths thoroughly before retiring and wash their mouths with various washes on the market and I observed the results. Their mouths were not clean, their teeth continued to decay, their gums continued to become inflamed, pyorrhea, so for three years I experimented on my mouth. I brushed my teeth for 15 minutes after each meal and 20 minutes before retiring. After each brushing I used dental floss between my teeth, and then finished by using a mouth wash. I tried most all of the tooth pastes and powders on the market, every kind of tooth brush and the mouth washes which were supposed to be the best. At the end of three years my mouth was examined and five new cavities were discovered.

During the three years, though my teeth seemed clean, I could feel that my tongue seemed to lack a certain freshness that I now enjoy. My breath was not sweet, particularly in the morning when I awakened. I knew I had not yet found the right way to keep my mouth clean, and my dental search was in the wrong direction. It was not the natural, the biologic, the logical way. I went back to our animals and sought to find what they used to clean their teeth. I discovered that it was nothing more nor less than the foods they ate, so I turned my investigation in that direction. During the first few months I would live on one particular kind of food, and at the end of a month I would test the result by applying a detecting solution to my teeth.

It did not take me long to discover that the nearer a food was to its natural state the less it stained or adhered to the enamel. The more refined or processed the food, the more readily it stained and soiled the teeth. I also noticed that when I ate certain foods, my teeth were clean, and when I ate other foods, my teeth were stained. I am convinced that the natural, the biologic, the logical way, by the use of acid fruits, raw fruits, and raw vegetables are the best way to keep our mouths clean. Since I have realized the value of natural dentrifice in cleaning our mouths, my breath is sweeter. My tongue has better color. My dental friends tell me I have one of the cleanest mouths they have seen and patients who have not seen me for years tell me I look younger.

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the blood. During its passage through the intestinal tract, it cleans it. The fruit juices promote the action of the liver and intestinal tract. The great water content, the cellulose and roughage and the character of the remaining waste all tend to counteract and overcome constipation.

Acid fruits act as a disinfectant of the mouth, stomach and intestines. Bacteriological reports have proved that many of the micro-organisms which are present in certain forms of intestinal indigestion do not thrive in fruit-juices.

After fruits are transformed into blood they supply the mineral salts which are so very essential for building the teeth and bones and in that way make hard strong teeth. These mineral elements like lime and phosphorus are needed in comparatively large quantities because they form not only the teeth but also every one of the hundreds of bones of the body; besides they are needed in a great many secretions and blood of the body. Few people know that these minerals are not found in wheat flour, white sugar, pasta, tea, coffee, refined cereals and in 90 per cent of our modern foods which are bleached, denatured, demineralized, devitalized, and destroyed by cooking, heating, steaming, processing and adulterating. These minerals are not found in our attractive man-made foodless food.

Raw fruit is the cleanest and purest food known. Not only does it clean the teeth but it is also cleansing. It cleans and purifies the blood. During mastication it cleans the teeth. It even cleans the dishes. Take a greasy plate and put on it a slice of apple or some juicy fruit and it will note the cleansing effect. Directly and indirectly it cleans every cell and structure of the body. It supplies the body with its most vital elements in a pure balanced and natural form.

Nature gives us this purest food through the soil where all the elements needed by our bodies, in the right form and right proportion are combined with the rain and clean air and the heat of the vital rays of the sun. Raw fruits are valuable for their nutriment, naturally distilled and absolutely pure water, mineral salts, vitamins, tonics and laxative properties.

Some people complain that fruit does not agree with them. It is not the fruit, but the wrong mixture of the other unnatural foods with the fruit which spoils the digestive process. All pathological conditions or diseases are accompanied by an excessive production of acid in the body. The acid fruits have the wonderful property of counteracting this acid by their production of alkaline secretions. These alkaline secretions exert their beneficial effects for hours after the fruit is consumed. In other words the acid fruits are permanent, lasting, natural and real cleansers of the teeth and mouth. Acid fruits are internally alkaline-forming foods. Most of our denatured foods are acid forming.

The acid-forming foods cause the teeth to decay and also cause the decay and disease of every other part of the body. You can be sure that when your teeth, which are the hardest structures in the body, are decaying, the softer structures are being destroyed by the same supply of acid. Let us compare the lasting action of the raw fruits with that of the tooth dentrifice which is used for the purpose of serving meals, lunches and conferences. The outside is covered with shingles and the interior is henlock ceiling with a blow torch finish making it very unique. A big fireplace in the middle of the building adds to its other attractions. They also have catina that can be used this winter.

Argonne camp is in the center of ski fields and is an ideal place to spend a week end. If there is anyone who can beat mother's cooking it is Mrs. Davis. It is well to phone reservations. This new building and accommodations will help solve our biggest problem in winter sports development on Mt. Hood.

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English Lutheran Church. Regular services at 11 a. m. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. The Y. P. S. will meet at 6:30 p. m. in the parlors. On December 1 at 2:30 o'clock the Ladies' Aid will hold an apron and novelty sale in the basement of the church. Rev. P. Hildebrand, Pastor.

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