

THE PARSON'S CORNER

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Our Unconscious Adaptation to the Undesirable.

(Continued From Last Week.)

Last week we made the statement that there are times when we come to approve, by gradual contact, what we would with holy hatred reject, were it presented suddenly to our attention. The illustration of Professor Bernard and the bell glass and sparrow was used to illustrate this. This is a law of nature that is often overlooked by people whose business is such that they must study human nature.

What is true of individuals, is true of communities. Were a certain form of evil presented to Alliance, suddenly, Alliance would reject and punish the one presenting it. Yet this same person could present the same evil gradually and in a short time the same people who before would reject it, will come to defend it. Take the great political parties. Compare their platforms of the last election with the platforms of twenty years ago, and you will be surprised how much of what they condemned they have embodied as leading doctrines of their respective parties. The republican and democratic platforms at the last election had much in common with the socialist party platform of twenty years ago.

A community that will with holy horror reject all efforts to compromise upon the liquor question will in time (if violations be gradual) come to tolerate and even joke about them—the violators.

If a girl is betrayed, and the matter comes to the public attention suddenly there will be an outcry to punish the guilty. The same influences can work, however, as they are in Alliance at this time quietly and secretly, and we learn to tolerate and by our silence approve. At least four illegitimate children were born in Alliance this last summer, or of Alliance girls, and instead of effort to punish the guilty the matter is joked about, by those whose business it should be to clean the town.

A young girl is betrayed (as some believe, raped) and complaint is made by the father. The community talks about the matter, and because other girls of the town are in that condition, or because of indifference in certain quarters, nothing is done with the father's complaint. The girl becomes a mother. Another child is thrown upon society. All because we have, as a community, become victims of the law mentioned above. Why is it that the same girl, if suddenly raped will arouse our anger to the point of lynching the man, and because the matter happened on the quiet, and notwithstanding it comes to our attention, we do nothing. The Ku Klux Klan professes to have as one of its cardinal principles the "protection of womanhood and the sanctity of the home." It seems to me that cases like that above-mentioned are enough to provoke organizations like that, and the knowledge of such instances tempts one to join such organizations.

The law-enforcement efforts will not rise above public sentiment, for law enforcement is a reflection of the sentiment of the community. Sometimes we do not blame public officials for their laxity when the public is so indifferent. By gradual application, we come to approve a double standard of morals. We make the same law apply to one person but not to the other. We exclude the girls who are either raped or whose confidence has been violated, from the churches, lodges, and even homes. We hug the male lecherous parasite to our bosom. There are at least two men to our knowledge in this town who are looked upon as respectable, who have been guilty of the crime mentioned above. Yet the girls are being condemned by all who say anything.

The man who through hunger will suddenly steal a loaf of bread or sack of flour to feed his family will be given a long term in prison. The dealer who gradually steals from the customer is above the law.

A church will hate, as only a church

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can hate such practices that are destructive to its life, if presented suddenly. Yet by gradual compromise it will learn to conform to the same thing. A stranded theatrical company asked to be allowed to give a play in our church last Sunday. We refused because we feared this very law. They went to another pastor, and were allowed. This is not a condemnation of the above pastor. But we predict that the time is coming when this very act will prove a padlock on his lips. Should a foul play appear he will be stopped, as a lawyer would say, by the act. He cannot object.
(Continued Next Week)

In The MOVIES

Captivating Eileen Percy is the attraction at the Imperial tonight, in "The Blushing Bride." The story concerns the adventures of a show girl bride in the home of her wealthy husband's parents, who believe her to be related to English nobility. The amusing action starts when her husband discovers she is only the niece of his own butler—who happens, however, to be inecog, to escape his shrewish wife. Then follows a series of uproariously laughable situations.

"The Thief," with Pearl White in the stellar role, is scheduled for Saturday. Pearl is now out of the serials and into the dramatic class, and is said to be making a new reputation for herself since her reform. "The Thief" is a story of a woman who marries a man who cannot give her the fine clothes worn by other women in his social circle, and their sneers and the snubs of the men cause her to steal money for gowns. Her wonderful clothes bring a change at once. Women patronize her. Men try to make love to her. And one man even takes the blame for several thefts, to shield her.

Sunday's feature is "Made in Heaven," in which Helene Chadwick appears, as Claudia Royce, "long on ancestors but short on wealth," who rushes into a marriage with an Irishman to escape a millionaire and then almost immediately wishes she could rush out again. But the Irish fireman thinks differently and what with those ancestors in her blood and the shames in his, they have a terrible mix-up. But he wins in the end by parading her through a kitchen all white and nickel which would make the worst extremist of the Feminist Movement forget The Cause and dive back into happy housewifery.

"Goldwyn week" at the Imperial begins Monday with Reginald Barker's production of "Godless Men," a film adaptation of the Ben Ames Williams story which appeared in the Saturday evening Post, under the title of "Black Pawl." The action centers about a brutal old sea-dog by that name, and it's a story you will not soon forget.

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Plan to be at the Halloween party on Friday, October 28, at the church, Presbyterian C. E. 93-96

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Herald Want Ads are read.

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CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The men's class had a decided increase last Sunday. We earnestly invite all men who wish to study the Bible from a man's standpoint, with application to modern problems to come and be one of us. The pastor teaches.

Three were baptised last Sunday, and one more is waiting that ordinance. Two more are coming in by letter, and several have signified their intention to unite with us soon.

Professor Deal, the evangelistic singer, will be with us about November 8, and will assist the pastor in meetings.

The two laymen who talked last Sunday did well and the pastor has been asked to continue having laymen speak at evening services.

Topics for Sunday are as follows: Morning, "Standing By Our Sacrifices" Gen:15:1-6. Evening, "The Story of the Good Samaritan," or "From Nature to Grace," Luke 10.

The Alliance Baptist for October is out, and President Harding has kindly loaned the pastor an autographed photo of himself which is printed upon the front page.

Keep this number for a keepsake. It is not a usual thing for a church to be so honored. Read the October number and you will more than ever enjoy the November issue.

The young people's social was a decided success last Friday. Choir practice at the church tonight to learn new songs and to prepare for the meetings next month. Be there if you want to help in the singing; then.

We extend a special invitation to attend all the above services, and especially do we appreciate the increasing number of laboring men attending our evening services. Keep it up, men.
B. J. MINORT, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The meetings are progressing nicely. Evangelist Cooper is preaching some strong sermons. The audiences are fine and increasing at each meeting. Below is a list of subjects to be used:

Friday evening, "Why was Pau. Faithful?"

Saturday evening, "Lions in the Way."

Sunday morning, "The Quartette that Raised the Roof."

Sunday evening, "The Preacher That Lied."

Monday evening, "The Four C's."

On Sunday evening Mrs. Devee will sing, "Abide With Me."

These meetings are for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of Righteousness in Alliance and the public is cordially invited to attend. The services begin at 7:30 each evening. Come early and get the best seat in the house. Why not make next Lord's day a red letter day at all services. Three hundred in the Bible school and 75 in C. E. is just about what we ought to

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make it. Success in the church work depends upon each one doing his duty. We appreciate the cooperation of the membership at all services. Come to the church with a message and a welcome.
S. J. EPLER, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Our Sunday school is now in an attendance contest with the Crawford Methodist Sunday school, to last until February 1. It has been going on for three weeks and they are fifty-five ahead of us, the gain all being made on the first Sunday; the other two have averaged a tie. Children, bring your father and mothers in and let us catch up.

Mr. McNutt will lead the League Sunday evening. Subject: "What We Ought to Do."

The pastor is in receipt of a letter from Edward D. Fivecoate, a young man who was with us in our church work last spring. He is attending the Nebraska Wesleyan university.

We are pleased to report that the special thank offering last Sunday morning for the new church fund amounted to \$335. In the evening the collection amounted to \$40.20 so that after paying the quartette there was left the sum of \$20.20 to go into the choir fund for the new church. We wish to thank the public for their

patronage and generous collection. Sunday morning the sermon topic will be "Stewardship and the World's Need." In the evening we will have a picture service. The songs to be sung will be thrown upon the screen. "The Lost Chord" will be sung as a solo and illustrated with colored slides, and "The Sermon on the Mount", the

greatest sermon ever delivered, will be shown in pictures.
M. C. SMITH, Pastor.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.
On Sunday morning 10:30 the Lutheran church has German services. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.
F. DROEGEMUELLER, Pastor.

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