

## Force in Religion May Make Conversions But Not Christians

Two local churches are planning for revival meetings in Medina in the near future—some time in February to be exact. Outside helpers have been engaged and will come and take part in the preaching and music. Preparatory work has been in progress in both churches. Both pastors feel the time is ripe for an evangelical harvest. And, of course, the Sentinel wishes both success.

But there are two ways to look at success in revival work; in religion success is not measured as in business life. The question of accessions is small by the side of personal good to the individual. A dozen real conversions will prove of more value to the community than a hundred accessions of those who make a big noise today and slide back into the old routine next week or next month.

The "law of conversion" will have much to do with the outcome, likewise. If some pastor lays down certain rules that do not conform with the right of the individual—conform to the rights that are vouchsafed to the individual by the Creator, one need not expect anything great in conversions. A church that attempts to dictate in things spiritual is treading dangerous ground, and the power of the organization cannot "make for religion," no matter how powerful it is.

As an example: A deacon in one of Medina's churches is an employer of girl labor. Recently this deacon, having in mind certain tenets of his church, promulgated the rule that no girl working for his company could dance or learn to dance and hold a job with him. Later the rule was revised to read no one could learn to dance and work; if they could dance already no further objection was made.

Righteousness through force was the plan. Legislating good into the individual, so to speak. Under the stimulus of a recent sermon on dancing this employer became imbued with a desire to save the world by edict. But it can't be "did."

If lines are to be drawn too tight it were as well to stop the gospel meetings before they are started. If the individual must be converted according to some prescribed rule, and a rule that is worked out by some one else, it will prove "love's labor lost." Religion that comes through the rule of four isn't religion at all; it can barely be classed as "religiosity." Religion that "takes" must go deeper than what some one tells you and me; we must be moved so deeply that even our closest friends cannot fathom it. To lay down the rules that one must not dance, play cards, use tobacco or even whisky won't do the work. The religion that takes hold must lead people to give up those things that hurt; they may be one class of "don'ts" in one case and another in a second case; but

the individual must feel these things himself and then guide himself in the matter.

For a certain denomination to put a list of don'ts in its governing rules won't help much. One denomination in particular has three don'ts in its rules now. It has thirty or forty churches in Cleveland with many thousand communicants. At least 95 per cent of those communicants break one or more of these three don'ts. Of what use, then, are these don'ts? The per cent of breakovers in Medina is not so large but it is very large among those not so badly crippled they can't break over.

An undercurrent of opposition to liberal living has been begun in Medina in anticipation of the revival meetings. In the interest of young people who do not always look through the glass at the same angle as father and mother, the Sentinel warns those who would carry spiritual oppression into the lives of their children long after the children have come to the age of discretion that they cannot herd their own children even into the kingdom of heaven. Religion, pure and undefiled, requires no force to bring out its beauties; force will cloud its beauty and effectiveness, curtail its power, and hedge it into boundaries too narrow for the development into pure and healthful religion.

The three or four "harpies" who have begun to swing their arms and declaim as to what is right and what is wrong; that have begun to reinstate a few obsolete regulations long in the discard just because they are strong and want something on which to use their strength, won't get very far on the road to a successful revival even in Medina. The time is always right for the saving of men if you really want to save them; but if you want to make a noise like salvation, and have every one to make a noise just like you do, there is no guarantee of a successful revival.

Paul was willing to give up meat—perhaps it got into his teeth, anyway—that as a pastor he might not have his diet set up a wrong example; but he did not insist that any one else follow his lead, but believed that each man should live as his conscience dictated. In fact Paul emphasized the point that one must have some leeway in these matters. We cite this to confound the philosophy of the man who professes belief in Paul and then sets out to ride over his teachings.

Just as an evidence that the "world do move." For years Oberlin College, in an effort to serve the Master a little nearer than the rest of the world, had quite a collection of "don'ts." After many years, seeing the folly of its course, it this winter took away the barriers. You can dance, use tobacco and play cards in Oberlin now. Not that Oberlin approves it, but that it concedes this to be a personal matter.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE SET FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 24

The adjourned session of the Medina Teachers' Institute will be held at Medina, Saturday, Jan. 24. This meeting has been arranged for the teachers of the county and all persons interested in the schools.

The speakers are men of ability and experience. Dr. H. B. Williams, Columbus, O., for many years teacher and superintendent of schools, twelve years Dean of the State Normal College, Athens, and twenty years editor and publisher of The Ohio Teacher. Superintendent W. E. Wenner, of Ashtabula Harbor, O., formerly a professor in Wooster College, Wooster, O., at present a member of the Ohio Assembly and is author of the Teacher Tenure Bill. Both of these men have had wide and extensive experience in conducting teachers' institutes.

The addresses will be as follows: "The State in its Relation to Education," Dr. H. B. Williams; "A Square Deal for Jack," Supt. W. E. Wenner; "The Schools and Americanism," Dr. Williams; "The Hand at the Nation's Throat," Supt. Wenner.

F. D. Riffey, of Seville, is president; Miss Helen Smith, of Litchfield, is secretary. The county superintendent urges that all teachers, through their schools, give publicity to this meeting, making sure that the people understand that it is for them as well as teachers. Board members would do well to hear these addresses. The subjects of the addresses indicate the importance of any position having to do with the schools.

## RINGE CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS

Mrs. Peter Oleson, Democratic

committee member from Minnesota, struck a keynote at the Jackson Day banquet in Washington. She said: "Ideals are tested in time of war. The Democratic party has stood the test. Its ideals are not that property rights are paramount. It has served all classes."

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## INVESTIGATE LOSS OF WEAVER HOME

A state fire marshal was in Wadsworth last Friday investigating the origin of a fire which destroyed the palatial dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Weaver on the previous Tuesday. The home which was a new one and one of the most costly homes in Wadsworth, was completely gutted in a strange manner. Mrs. Weaver had passed through the downstairs but ten minutes before the fire was discovered, and could see nothing unusual or smell smoke. Returning upstairs she was horrified to find that in ten minutes the inside of the house was a roaring furnace. The fact that a fire was burning in the furnace at the time, and that an inspection of the gas pipes after the fire revealed no leaks, gives the incident a suspicious aspect. Many Wadsworth residents are of the opinion that a time bomb was placed in the downstairs and that it failed to explode at night as was the intention. The flames seemed to sweep through the entire house, searing everything and burning nothing to any depth.

The varnish on the floors was cooked and the floors charred but not burned to any extent, which lead some to believe that a gas explosion had caused the damage.

The family was rescued from the upstairs by means of ladders. Mr. Weaver, who was in New York, was notified and returned immediately. The total loss was placed at \$15,000, about half being covered by insurance.

The fire marshal, after completing his investigation, returned to Columbus without making his findings known.

## LEAVE DOOR UNLOCKED FRIEND LUGS OFF BOOTS

Business in one Medina shoe store house was so brisk Saturday night that the proprietors and clerks became exhausted, so to speak. All went home without locking the door, and without even carrying in all the stock on outside display.

The night officer and a friend found the store unlocked, and to jar the owners the friend carried off a pair of \$5 rubber boots. The hole in the day had made so big a hole in the extra stock that no one about the store could tell whether stock was missing when the door was found open, or was all intact.

## GRANGE NOTICE

Pomona Grange will meet with Brunswick Grange on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Installation of officers. Let there be a good attendance.

Mrs. C. P. DICKERMAN,  
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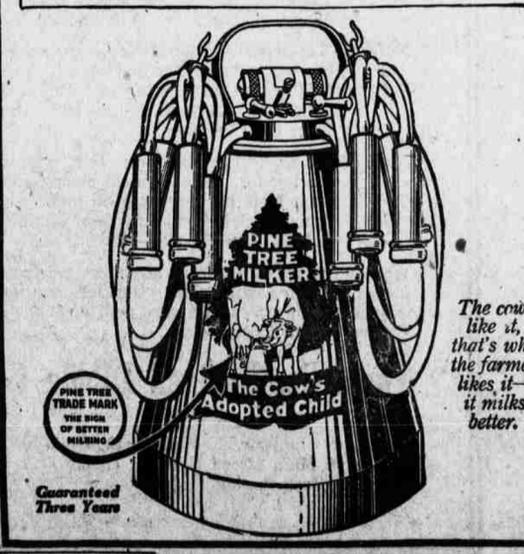
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