

## STATE FINANCES

### The Responsibility for Deplorable Conditions in State Benevolent Institutions—Pressing Needs and Funds to Meet Them—Misleading Statements.

By Chairman, State Finance Committee  
Who is responsible for the deplorable conditions existing in the state benevolent institutions, is a question which should be answered from fact and not from newspaper insinuations.

On several occasions my attention has been called to articles appearing in some of the daily papers in which the present administration and the House finance committee were censured for the conditions existing at the present time in the state benevolent institutions.

These articles endeavor to make it appear that the economical program of the present state administration was responsible for the conditions existing at Cleveland and Columbus state hospitals, and for the state's neglect to provide adequate accommodation at the Feeble Minded Home and Gallipolis hospital for the segregation of the mental defective and afflicted.

We seek to shirk no responsibility but, that the public may form its own opinion as to where the responsibility rests, we desire to give a few facts. The total amount expended for building and permanent improvements at these institutions for the year ending November 15, 1913, was \$172,025.77 and of this amount \$9,040.43 was used on buildings for the housing of inmates.

The total amount expended for the year ending November 15, 1914, was \$195,791.01, and of this amount \$4,725.27 was used in repairing buildings for the housing of inmates; \$5,426.76 as a part payment on a contract for the erection of a cottage at the Epileptic hospital at Gallipolis, and \$27,804.72 on a contract for the erection of a cottage at the Feeble Minded Home at Columbus. These two years practically covered the administration of Governor Cox.

Thus it will be seen that, during his administration, \$207,516.78 was spent for buildings and permanent improvements at all of the state institutions, but it must not be forgotten that of this amount only \$47,007.18 went toward preparing a better home or erecting new buildings for the housing of Ohio's afflicted committed to the benevolent institutions of the state.

Nor can that administration plead inactivity for the want of funds, for the appropriation bill in 1913 carried an appropriation for \$105,000.00 for the erection of a cottage at the hospital for epileptics at Gallipolis, and \$105,000.00 for the construction of a cottage for the Feeble Minded at the custodial farm, and although these appropriations were available in 1913, the contracts for these buildings were

not let until September, 1914, and then these contracts were for building to cost \$61,915.00 and \$57,285.00 respectively, instead of the full amounts appropriated, and on these contracts there was paid only \$33,000.00 prior to November 15, 1914, and there still remains to be paid upon them about \$17,000.00.

The appropriation bill for 1913 also carried an appropriation of \$30,000.00 for a patients' building at Cleveland Hospital. This appropriation was vetoed by Governor Cox.

The two contracts for buildings mentioned above was the only effort made during the Cox administration to provide for more homes for Ohio's unfortunate, although it had at its command specific appropriations for that purpose amounting to more than \$300,000.00.

It might be interesting to note what the attitude of the administration of Governor Cox was relating to these institutions as shown by his Budget Commissioner. The Budget Commissioner is a direct representative of the Governor, and in making his report for appropriations for the years 1915 and 1916, we find these recommendations for building and repairs for state institutions to be \$1,302,715.17, instead of \$3,739,502.82 as requested by the State Board of Administration, and for the year 1916 he recommended \$469,725.00 for building and repairs, instead of \$1,967,725.00 as requested by the Board, and in submitting his budget report to the Governor the Budget Commissioner says:

"My recommendations come to you based upon an actual working knowledge of the conditions that prevail in all the departments, institutions and different branches of our government, and it is hoped that there will be slight, if any deviation of the annual allowance by the eighty-first General Assembly made in my budget report."

This report unmodified by Governor Cox was submitted to the finance committee of the House for its guidance in making the appropriations for these institutions, and we have a right to conclude that this report, coming as it does from the Governor unmodified, represents Governor Cox's ideas and wishes as to what should be appropriated for these institutions.

Taking these recommendations and the actual amount of money spent for repairs and new buildings for the housing of patients during the Cox administration, I ask any fair-minded person whom should rest the responsibility for present conditions in these institutions, and if the present finance committee and legislature followed the recommendation of Governor Cox and his Budget Commissioner, what relief would be afforded for the protection of society and for the betterment of Ohio's mental defectives and unfortunate?

In the light of these facts, it is hard to reason how any person could ensure the present administration or the present finance committee for the deplorable condition existing at these institutions, yet this has been attempted and it is unfair and unjust. It has been the announced and avowed policy of the present administration.

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## MARCH MILK

### Van Camp Company Pay Dairymen of Fulton County \$34,304.42 for March Product During the Month of March—List of Checks Issued for \$50.00 or More.

J. N. Nofziger	61.86
E. Greiser	61.04
W. A. Leininger	68.36
H. Short	59.02
M. E. Andrews	51.50
J. Slives	55.49
Alger Ernst	61.34
Geo. Steward	78.25
Biggins & Hulvey	56.58
H. Bonnel	128.15
A. Clymer	91.70
Bonnell & Reichardt	74.57
Ed. Taylor	183.42
Truman Lee	50.17
D. Demaline	74.13
John Steffin	121.24
J. A. Massals	125.78
G. Zimmerman	57.07
H. Badenhop	61.23
Chas. Reinke	52.34
J. H. Eberly	241.89
J. H. Edgar	191.14
F. Reifers	59.82
Wm. Snyder	69.77
A. H. Precht	74.46
R. E. Hetsel	57.07
Whitehead & Spies	117.69
J. S. Hoare	83.32
T. L. Aumend	124.65
J. P. Whitman	54.04
Cole & Spies	72.14
Bressler & Swartzlander	58.80
A. Baker	61.86
H. Berkman	104.07
Harry Snyder	70.65
Liabel & Fauver	65.26
Clark Robinson	113.37
Paul Mohr	59.46
A. Waldvogel	51.22
H. Dettner	53.01
Aaron Beck	59.54
A. J. Murphy	69.84
C. M. Murphy	125.51
E. B. Perkins	101.17
Amos Gray	93.45
Scott & Krutch	50.22
Burr Bros.	406.47
Greiser & Enew	138.76
Barnes & Ditto	78.52
E. Knerim	80.20
Cass Galbraith	114.26
H. J. Gelzer & Son	111.66
W. P. Rowe	86.20
John Krauss	57.08
Ira Schrock	62.67
Burkholder & Funk	75.37
Wm. Goresch	66.20
Wm. Beaverson	69.45
Ed. Lehman	119.32
Chas. Schiesel	79.13
Christ Rupp	66.20
J. H. Miley	122.58
Philip Weber	110.73
L. C. Henry	53.52
P. H. Short	110.06
J. H. Borkholder	54.10
Wm. Goresch	66.20
Adm. Mull	114.13
J. Rufenacht	74.90
S. P. Beck	108.14

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## JACOB IN "FRISCO."

It is a surprise to see the big ship fly from San Francisco and come in on the west end of the fair ground as the ground lais on the sea shore and every day can see the deep lively full of ships and gun boats.

I like to let you all know that the fair is fine but to my surprise it is not nearly complete as I have agoing they was come back and told me it was not finish up I wish I could wait till August but I can go back to see it a-gaine and have an other ride on the Pan-o-ma can nail they say that is wonderful!

it is very cheap to live out hear and fine climate as it never snows or freezing an never gets hot over 90 they say FRISCO IS THE BEST in the world there are Hotels hear by the 100 O. be cause it is not fire money a man is driving 4 and 6 horses on one wagon thought the crowded street be cause the hills are so steep the horse man is having his horses broke good

The Department store has over 500 girls to work and is 7 stories high and every thing to eat drink rug may as for and a fine restern at every floor and the biggest building in the city.

they say 3 Banks in the sky open all the time day and night andy like the saloons and every thing els the temsters and the oil wagon is going all the time all night street cars is humming and a humming and the Auto gets a road open for a few rods it will run as fast as it can it is no difference.

when the men found out the tunnel is caved in the live men said the dead men is bet ter off as we are they are nerly starving

there was a Far a de sunday over 6 miles long of soldiers and in the afternoon was a fine singing and preaching and praise the allmighity to have such men in the fine country of California to erect such wonderful fine buildings for rthe fair

J E Leatherman San Frisco Pears st. 3119 he has the best time now as he ever had he is now at the window looking at the fair some 50 ft. then the wonderful lights that is on the fair ground that is different then bussing wood

the telescope is now raising up with the steel house hang on a big steel frame and a going up some 225 ft. with 50 persons in it and turning around on a turn table making a turn up in the air some 50 ft. then it comes down slowly an sets solet between a solet frame till it rets fill an again then it is raised up they say it is bet ter then the feris wheel

J. E. I. started for Okeland 4:21 and seece the Bairs and wild animals in the Park and some of them dive in the water from 30 to 80 ft high on Broadway Park at.

**BUGGIES! BUGGIES!**  
I now have a fine assortment of buggies ready for the Spring trade. I make a specialty of the celebrated Cron and Eckhart buggies. If in need of a buggy give me a call. I can please you. C. F. Stotzer. 46-10

## CONVERSION

### The Tendency to Doubt the Reality of Conversion—Both Liberal and Orthodox are Guilty—Christianity Defined—The Negative and Positive Sides of Conversion—Repentance Cannot Be of the Same Degree in All People.

W. T. Williams

We have seen that conversion and degeneration are two terms used to designate the direction of one's life. We have also seen that they are acknowledged by both science and philosophy, liberal theology and orthodox.

On all hands the two ways are recognized as real experiences in the lives of men. They are the downward course and the beginning of the course that leads to the center of the life which we so long have sought.

This is so self-evident to those who think that denying it is also denying the question of such other. This is worth while knowing because the significance of it cannot be disputed. This is proved by the fact that the leaders of thought in every avenue raise their voices against such tendencies.

Dr. James Freeman Clark, who was when he lived one of the most eminent of the Unitarian ministers, says: "It is quite common, among Liberal Christians, to doubt the reality or deny the importance of such changes. With them the Christian life consists, not in change, but in progress. In the Christian course, Orthodoxy lays the chief stress on the commencement; Liberal Christianity on the progress. The one wishes you to begin the journey without seeming to care whether you go forward; the other urges you to go forward, without inquiring whether you are going to the right."

To say that such skepticism has arisen from the tendency to doubt the reality of conversion is to say only what is true. This is so clear that we need not debate it. For sometimes it is so prominent that we can see it with our eyes, and at times it is so subtle that we can see it well-founded on facts. These conditions are born and bred by the fact that it is always difficult for us to keep ourselves well-balanced when we handle the great principles of the sciences. It seems so easy for us to over-emphasize one aspect and neglect the other. We become too fond of one phase and not fond enough of the other. The emotional elements are pushed unduly to the front now, and that this practice is disastrous, and if we have a mind fair enough to take such a matter seriously, we will be actually shocked by the results.

They are appalling, and every one who has any regard for his welfare as an everlasting being should without delay ponder them until he feels them in his blood. The number that wither away from the Christian folds, having no sense of such a thing to root in, is calling aloud for our best and closest attention. Listen to the words of a man who has devoted a long, industrious life to this subject. "Of the adult Protestants in America, who are now wholly outside of all church influences, I dare say that it would be found, if the facts were known, that the large majority have been through such an experience as this, in connection with some revival. Many of them are now incorrigible skeptics concerning the great principles of the conversion. They will tell you that they have been through it themselves and that they know that there is nothing in it." How well this corresponds to the experience of those who have had to do with men—who have been trying to convince them of the error of their paths—and when we halt to think of the individual who is lost, verily, such a waste ought to be stopped; and it will be stopped when we become wise and considerate enough to understand and realize that man is a complex being. The whole of man must be considered in conversion, and the tokens which one converted man will show will differ from those which another converted man will show. Peter was not supposed to be like Paul even in nor after conversion. They were approached by this idea with this subject. "Of men there were no other than themselves at any time during their earthly careers, and we know this is supported by their records."

Christianity is the best type of common sense that has ever been made manifest in the world. It excels on everything else, inasmuch that it is powerful to permeate the souls of men with the designs and love of the Eternal Father, taking into consideration and maintaining without an exception the characteristics of each personality. It can be applied to all things. No channel is too far advanced or too far behind to imbibe from its veins the blood of life. It is cosmic in its nature, and this is the majesty of its glory. It is equal to the demands of every phase of life, and every feature of experience is only one expression of it. Not a thing, no one man, or no organization of men, can express it in its totality. Remembering this will relieve many trying situations. It is too wide in scope for any individual thing to ever dream of being sufficiently large to express it in entirety. It takes under the shadow of its wings the whole universe of God, no need of overlooking the purpose that all and everything together grasp the significance of the Perfect Man. Any other view of Christianity is indefensible, and if we should think of it from this angle, the calamities which we have already mentioned would undoubtedly diminish league on league. Suppose we do it, because unless all indications have been ordained to deceive, and the testimonies of the most thoughtful people no better than the prattle of bilgewater, we are conscious that Christianity is the paramount expression of the Merciful Father. In it we find the heart of God, and in it we can be more than conquerors. The love of the Most High reveals—the love that breaks down the barriers that keep us apart—the love that makes us one vast brotherhood; because, with revealing the nature of our God, it reveals also the nature of our humanity.

We have said in a former article

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## MUSICAL COMEDY AT OBERLIN.

Mr. Frank S. Kenyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kenyon, now a student in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, has won considerable well merited praise, as author of the story, manager and stage director, and composer of music and words of the musical comedy "Miss Ditto" recently given by the Oberlin College Y. M. C. A. in which he took the leading part as sobrette.

The play won favorable comment from the conservatory faculty as to musical composition and high praise from the director of the dramatic association as to real comedy and beauty of situations.

The Y. M. C. A. each year furnishes some big event in the fun and frolic of the student body. Mock political conventions and full fledged circuses with parades are some of the things done in the last few years. Because of the unusual amount of musical talent this year, the musical comedy was decided upon. More than fifty men were concerned in the production of this play. The O'Connell Scenic Studios of Tiffin, Ohio, furnished the scenery, and more than \$400 was spent for costumes alone.

The men took all parts, those of women in the choruses and both acts proved to be the chief features of the play. With the building of the new theatre in connection with the \$500,000 auditorium given to Oberlin by the late Charles M. Hall, the dramatic association of Oberlin College will undertake the production of such an oftener, and even bigger things can be put on with success.

**THE KNOCKER'S CREED.**  
I believe that nothing is right. I believe that everything is wrong. I believe that I alone have the right idea. The town is wrong, the editor is wrong, the teachers are wrong, the people are wrong, the things they are doing are wrong and they are doing them in wrong way anyhow. I believe I could fix things if they would let me. If they don't I will get a lot of other fellows like myself and we will have a law passed to make other do things the way WE want them done.

I do not believe that the town ought to grow. It is too big now. I believe in fighting every public improvement and in spoiling everybody's pleasure. I am always to the front in opposing things and never yet have I advanced an idea or supported a movement that would make people happier or add to the pleasure of man, woman or child.

I am opposed to fun and am happiest at a funeral. I believe in starting reforms that will take all the joy out of life. It's a sad world and I am glad of it. Amen.

I now have my third car load of buggies in my ware rooms. These buggies have been bought for spot cash, and I will positively not be undersold on same line of vehicles.  
C. F. STOTZER.  
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### A NEW "INFANT INDUSTRY"

An Associated press telegram is given headlines like this: "Americans will Grasp \$12,000,000 Dye Trade. Start Six New Plants to Supply Colors for Textile Industries."

One of the goods the ill-wind of war has blown to us is this: A knowledge of the things for which we have depended on Europe to furnish—from styles to fertilizer. Our most urgent immediate need is for the aniline dyes which patient German chemists discovered in the benzine of the tar left when gas is made from coal.

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