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CRIME was never so common in this country as at present, and this is not limited to any one kind of crime or any one class of people. It is said that this has become the most law-breaking of all the civilized countries of the world. It is gratifying to realize that only a small percentage of the people belong to the criminal class. The serious feature of the case is that the great law abiding element of the population seem to be so indifferent to conditions. However, there is prospect of improvement. The daily papers give the records of crimes, and other publications and many public men are seeking for the cause and the cure. When public attention is sufficiently fixed upon conditions, public interest will be awakened; and when interest is awakened the facts will be discovered, the cause will be sought and the remedy will be secured. What is very much needed in this country by all classes of people is a realization of the majesty of the law, and the fact that it is not only the duty of every citizen to see that the law is upheld and enforced, but also that it is for the good of all honest people to have the law properly observed. It is up to Mr. Good Citizen to see that the law is upheld and enforced so that crime may be stopped and righteousness be established throughout our land.

MR. ROGER BABSON is generally considered the best business statistician in this country. He says that the annual business turn-over in this country \$50,000,000,000. Of this, he says, at least four-fifths passes through the hands of Church people. He says that it is fair to say that there is an average of 10 per cent on this business. This gives the Church people an annual income of \$40,000,000,000, 10 per cent of which would be \$4,000,000,000. This would be the amount paid into the Lord's treasury, if all of His people paid Him a tithe of their income. But Mr. Babson says that the actual amount paid is only about 1 per cent. That makes a pretty bad showing, when the average Christian keeps 99 cents out of every dollar for himself and pays 1 cent to God. There are many Christians who pay the tithe and many others who pay more. But this just makes the showing all the worse for many others. What a wonderful work the Church could do, if all the tithes had been brought into God's store house.

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS seem to be willing to do anything that they think will help them to destroy the prohibition laws of this country. One of the most recent of their nefarious schemes is the circulation of a paper credited to Abraham Lincoln. This paper represents Lincoln as saying that he is opposed to prohibition as an invasion of private rights. This same document was used in the local option campaign in Georgia in 1887. A short time after that Colonel John B. Goodwin, who was the director of the anti-prohibition forces of that State, confessed that he had composed the document and sent it out, hoping in this way to win the Negro vote. It shows what a desperate state his party must have been in that any man of decency could lower himself enough to do such a thing. And the same is true of those who have resurrected this fraud and are trying to impose it upon honest people. It has often been said that those engaged in

the liquor traffic have no regard for the laws of God or man.

CAN you afford to be ignorant of the principles of the largest fraternal order in the world, is a question recently asked by one who was writing in behalf of the order to which he belongs. Of course he did not mean to compare his order with the Church, which is by far "the largest fraternal order in the world." His question is just as pertinent as applied to the Church as it is to his order. It is astonishing to see how many Christians are ignorant of many of the fundamental principles of their Church. In this day of books and papers there is no excuse for ignorance on this subject. He who will put a good book or a good Church paper into a home will do much to drive ignorance out of the Church.

MOUNT EVEREST in the Himalaya range between India and Thibet is the highest point on the surface of the earth, being 29,002 feet high. Many attempts have been made to climb to its summit, but all have failed. Three daring men have just given up that attempt after getting within 1,700 feet of the top. The attempt came near causing them the loss of their lives and did cost the lives of seven of the porters who were carrying their supplies. We often wonder what will be accomplished, if some one does succeed at last in standing on the highest point in the world, except that he will be able to say that he has done what nobody else ever did. How much better it would be, if the effort, the money and the lives wasted in such undertakings should be spent for the real uplift of mankind.

DON LORENZO PEROSI, a prominent Roman Catholic priest, a world famous composer of sacred music and the master of the Sistine Chapel, the Pope's private chapel, has announced his determination to leave the Romish Church and join the Waldensian Church. In speaking of it he said: "I am a Protestant and want to join the Waldensian Church. I want it to be known by everybody that I have declared to the Vatican authorities that I consider myself as definitely out of the Roman Church." Naturally enough the Vatican authorities are sending out the statement that he is mentally unsound.

PROHIBITION is doing its good work, notwithstanding the false and misleading statements made many times by its enemies, who for selfish reasons would like to see the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead law both repealed. Here are the results in fourteen of the largest cities of this country. The figures which make up these totals are taken from official records. All of them in the first total belong to either 1916, 1917 or 1918. During these years one in each city, there were in these cities 157,531 arrests for drunkenness. In the same cities in 1920 there were 68,072 arrests for drunkenness. This shows a falling off of 89,459 arrests or 57 per cent. The indications are the number of arrests for 1922 will show a still larger falling off. When it is remembered that it has proved much harder to enforce the law in the large cities than elsewhere, this is a remarkable showing, and ought to be a complete answer to those who say that

prohibition does not do any good. It should be borne in mind that during these years the population of these cities has been growing and the enforcement of the law has been more rigid. The Chicago city hospital makes this remarkable report. During the year before prohibition went into effect there were 169 deaths from alcoholism in that hospital. Last year there was only one such death there. And yet Chicago is not supposed to be a desert as to alcoholic drinks. Verily prohibition is proving that it is worth the hearty support of all those who have the best interests of the country at heart.

SUNDAY schools sometimes have a precarious existence and those in charge of them have a hard time keeping them going. The result is that the officers and teachers begin looking around for something new to infuse life into the school. Some method adopted may awaken interest and quicken its life for awhile, but after a little the school begins to drop back into its former, if not into a worse condition. New plans are tried with like results, until all concerned become disheartened and just settle down to letting the school go on in a dispirited way. Did you ever see such a school? The country is full of them. It is interesting therefore to read in the Philadelphia Presbyterian an account of the Sunday school of the "Old Fourth Church" of that city, which has just celebrated its one hundred and fifth anniversary. It is said to be one of the largest and most successful Sunday schools in that city, in which there are 125 Presbyterian Sunday schools. It has never adopted any high pressure methods for securing numbers of attendance. Its present superintendent is serving his forty-third year in that office. The methods used in this school to make its work a success may be used anywhere. Its officers "have depended on the school's functioning through its carefully graded departments, on its annual promotion exercises in September, on its teachers being thoroughly equipped in its teacher training classes." All of its work is "directed toward informing the mind and touching the heart." Fidelity to the word of God is the keynote of superintendent and school. God's truth will attract when properly presented.

GIPSY SMITH, on his return to England, was asked as to religious conditions in the United States. This is his reply: "In America they have been passing through a very critical period. Here in this country we have largely emerged from the trouble attaching to the higher criticism, and we are emphasizing the things that we have tried and proved. The American churches, on the other hand, are still in the throes, and they have had to listen often to messages which were in the highest degree uncertain. They are tired now, and they want the real thing. I found that desire after assurance and reality more pronounced than ever at this time. The man who has got a real live message, with the power of the Holy Spirit inspiring it and backed up by a consecrated heart and life, will be welcomed and listened to in America more eagerly than ever before. For my own part I never saw crowds so earnest, never met with so ready a response in my life as in the States last winter."