

The Problem of Social Purity



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In Mr. Harold Begbie's latest work, *A Crisis in Morals*, he offers as the justification for the book the following striking indictment: "I still insist after reflection and in cold blood, that IMPURITY is, indeed, the chief disease of this age, and that the chief danger of civilization does, indeed, lie in a dishonoring attitude towards woman." Yet he believes "with real assurance that the hideous and disfiguring disease of the period which spreads only because its symptoms are suppressed, will be cured directly if it is faithfully attacked."

That which constitutes the greatest menace to the strength, power and beauty of life in body, mind and spirit can be annihilated if only we can bring knowledge and sincerity to bear upon the problem instead of allowing ignorance and prudery to cover the festering mass with sheltering hypocrisies.

On the authority of Doctor G. Stanley Hall, our public teachers and parents are declared guilty of this grave, if not criminal, neglect in the proper and judicious impartation of the knowledge of sex and its concomitant responsibilities, and reminds us that it is only comparatively recently the church has taken any active part in the campaign against vice. However, the reproach against the church is no longer just, for some of the most effective work against the evils of impurity has been originated and performed by the church and church people.

Without fear or hesitation the churches have accepted the program outlined by Mr. Begbie in the book already referred to.

"The immediate course of the church is straight and decisive. She must attack impurity and organize her forces to attack it. . . . She must attack it publicly, politically and nationally. . . . Not for its suppression but for its extirpation."

The three agents to which we are directed to look for help in this warfare are religion, science and politics; involving the awakening of the individual sense of reverence, the education of the mind and the development of the public conscience with the arousing of the public sense of honor.

URGENT NEED OF INTELLIGENT EFFORT

Of the importance of this movement through which the church and other influential organizations are seeking to

arouse public concern and interest in this alarming menace, there can be no doubt. And the first thing which should have our attention is the education of the public as to the nature and extent of the evil to be combated; and then the causes which underlie the problem. We agree that the worst enemy of progress whether considered industrially, morally or spiritually, is INDIFFERENCE, and allied with this indifference we have IGNORANCE and PRUDERY. This trinity constitutes the deadly and stubborn barrier of stupidity to the successful advance of social purity endeavor. And of it Goethe says: "Against stupidity the very gods strive unvictorious."

We have allowed the terse saying of the Old Testament: "Where there is no vision the people perish," to become a theological device, and have all but forgotten its ethical content. Wherever there is a want of even a limitation of spiritual discernment and the consciousness of divine realities within us and about us, there exist all the necessary impulses and equipment for evil, vice and misery. The people must be led to see and understand what is possible and be taught to appreciate the ideal within their reach in order to properly and understandingly measure the danger they are in of perishing. For anything which fails of realizing its possibilities has perished.

In a recent address to an English congress, George Bernard Shaw in discussing sex education said the way to solve this problem was to keep the imagination at work, by arousing real interest in fine arts, in music, in painting and poetry, that would do the most to keep the cruder passions under. This modern satirist probably more than any other British man of letters now living realizes that a lack of vision means death to everything worth while.

MOTHER GRUNDY, THE PRUDE

Upon no other subject affecting the life and well-being of society is there exhibited such despairing stupidity as there is in this eternal question of sex, and the sex impulse. The worst phase of this stupidity is in the prudery which seeks to hide the important facts of life because of what is called "modesty"; but actually is encouraging vice to masquerade in the garb of innocence to the danger of the unwary and ignorant.

Why there should be anything to be ashamed of in nature's ways and means for the transmission of life and the continuity of species, is not quite clear. Does not this affectation of a modesty constitute a reflection upon Providence which is not less irreverent than the caricatured schoolmistress who ignored sex because she regarded it as "an indiscretion if not positive impropriety on the part of the Creator"?

There is no need to apologize for insisting that sex pedagogy should be provided for and further suggest that there could not possibly be worse results from enlightenment than we have accruing from the ignorance cultivated under prudery. For history and experience will sustain the following equation, in which we sum up the results of the unscientific processes of the past:

"Ignorance plus prudery equal pruriency."

INCUBATOR OF WORLD'S CRIME

Indifference, hypocrisy and ignorance are the incubator of vice, crime and misery; while conversely, knowledge, sincerity and diligence constitute the power which can not fail to produce freedom, dignity and achievement.

Science has in the last few years identified the influences which determine the life of succeeding generations, and what is more, has given a very clear and convincing array of evidences which show how these influences can be controlled. While the names employed may be a little strange, and also because they have been abused by those who are attracted to new words as some people are to novelties of other kinds, yet they have a very important and specific content.

Eugenics, means in the language of Sir Francis Galton, the man who coined the word, "the science which deals with all influences that improve the inborn qualities of a race; also with those that develop them to the utmost advantage." Euthenics, means "improvement through bettered environmental conditions"; or what is sometimes referred to as "nurture."

It is not difficult to see that these are the two fundamental problems of all times, peoples and philosophies. To bring into existence a new race of men who will have more of goodness, less of evil, to be placed into an environment where it shall be easier for those men to be good and do good and harder for them to be bad and do ill. To use Bible language: The new

birth of the individual and the establishment of the kingdom of God and the entrance of the new-born into that kingdom.

It is very suggestive that the tremendous need is recognized; as is also the earnestness and preparedness which is cultivated for the meeting of that need, by so many of the leading ministers, educationalists and public men and women engaged in this crusade against the forces of ignorance and prudery. It is also proof of the seriousness of the matter that a new terminology has been cultivated, and many things are being said in language which a little while ago was considered shocking. But it is now admitted that if those who should impart sex knowledge will not do so, then the awakened curiosity of the adolescent child will be gratified through other channels and by other agents who certainly would not be as particular in the motive nor the ways and means employed to satisfy that curiosity as parents and teachers.

THREE INSTITUTIONAL FACTORS

Three institutions which exert the most lasting influence upon life are the home, school and church. Particularly do these assist very extensively in supplying the foundations of character. But one can not substitute the other, they are all supplementary and should coordinate to the same end, namely, the production of character upon which the future and immortality of the race shall be established in happiness and prosperity.

It is a matter of supreme concern, especially in the United States, that home life is decadent. It can not be insisted upon too often nor too strongly that there is no substitute for home and parental influence. The teacher and the minister can not substitute for mother and father, nor are the school and church equivalent exchange for the home. To a very large degree the outcome of children is determined by what the parents and home will supply. So that in this matter of social purity all three must work together.

We know that thoughtful parents look with anxiety to the time when their boy or girl must go from the control of home for several hours in the day to be associated with crowds of other children, to see, hear and experience all sorts of acts, sayings and associations which in general tend to neutralize what the parents at home have striven to do.

We also know of the despair of the intelligent and earnest teacher who tries to supply the necessary safeguards, and yet is made to realize the deadening effect of a parental and home influence which does not care or does not know of the importance of ceaseless vigilance and tireless activity to keep the mind of the child sweet and clean and pure.

We know also of the dreadful temptations and dangers which await the entrance of youth and maiden into the industrial world; though the economic causes of vice which in some quarters have been so violently blamed are not as much responsible as some believe.

It seems as though the enemies attacking life in all of its manifestations, which every scientist has observed and from which the "law of the survival of the fittest" has been deduced, are at work with the same ferocity in the moral realm, and in a variety of ways. Hence, to produce moral fitness we must commence early and employ every means within our reach. Anything which tends to moral laxity, or can lower our standards of sex relationships, or produce irreverence in our esteem for the sacredness of sex or the sex relations, is bad and must be classified as one of the most invidious of our foes.

The abuse of the divorce courts, the disgraceful caricaturing of the marriage service, the substituting of the hotel, apartment house and the flat for the old-fashioned and independent home, and the new ideas regarding the purposes of marriage issuing in the deliberate campaign against babies, for they are regarded as intrusions, and in at least two millions of homes in America, the blockade against Nature has been absolutely effective; are all matters of grave concern and may easily account for the anomaly in which we find ourselves in America as the one Christian nation whose criminality is on the increase instead of on the decrease.

It is time that home, the shrine of civilization, should be rescued from the vandals who have sacrificed such a sacred institution to their selfish interests and in which the future well-being of the nation is generated and conserved; that our schools should teach boys and girls something of the responsibilities which are before them; and that our church should insist on the ancient philosophy that "Where women are honored, the divinities are complacent; where they are de-

spised, it is useless to pray to God." Then we shall develop a new code in which as before the childless women, the childless home, will not be approved, that any mother or father who allows son or daughter to go uninformed upon the greatest event in life will be held up for shame, and that every curriculum shall include sex pedagogy in order that we may preserve to the world intelligent and devoted mothers and fathers of the race which shall become "the family of God on earth."

THE SCARLET WOMAN

With curious accuracy the "Seer of Patmos" traces the pathway of the church from the pristine simplicity to the ornate and gaudy realm of barren failure; and with fascination we watch the devolution of her who once was clothed with the sun; bediademed with stars, and founded upon the regality of the heavens as the queen, having the companionship of God, and controlling the destinies of nations for their eternal splendor, to the Scarlet Woman whose throne was uncontrolled bestiality enslaving all nations in the distillations of her shame and sin.

She is for evermore the symbol of that deadly sin which has poisoned the source of life and littered the pathway of progress with the wreckage of empires and nations, men and women of genius, power and culture, and, like the vampire, still sucks the vital fluids of civilization with insatiable greed. Before her imperious call everything has given way, nothing has withstood successfully her advances. She is the Nemesis which relentlessly pursues and defeats man in his struggles to the "Uplands of the soul."

Notice briefly her record in the historical epochs:

Egypt's bewitching mysticism and wonderful power, the fascinating culture of Greece, the splendor of Rome's imperialism, the romantic chivalry of France, each one going down in the vortex of sensuality, their glorious day ending in the night of dreadful revolution; lust and turgid passion of sex giving to the Scarlet Woman her ghastly triumphs over physical, mental and social dominion.

It may not be too much to say that, so far, all attempts made by the Supreme to establish the kingdom of heaven have been thwarted by the power of vice; and the "image of God

in man" defaced by the corroding influence of the flesh, sparing neither beauty, culture, intellect nor genius.

If the modern church hopes to succeed in opposing the machinations of the Scarlet Woman she must acquaint herself with the methods and weapons this formidable enemy employs to accomplish her ends. We must remember also, that the church, in spite of her idealism, ecstatic vision, and rapturous joy, has not always resisted successfully the attacks which the powers of the flesh have urged with ferocious malignity.

It is also instructive to remember that the black scourge of "venereal disease" which first swept through Europe in the fifteenth century, and has maintained its devastating reign to the present, was introduced by the Crusaders. These valiant knights of the "cross"; and the defenders of the "grave of the dead Christ," while performing exploits of valor for a sepulcher, became themselves the charnel-house in which the romantic ideal had an ignominious ending. There is need for common sense, expert training, consecrated living, and altruistic devotion to God and man, besides the glamor of romance.

This need of an all-round equipment for service is emphasized when we remind ourselves that never has so much money been spent, so large a force of highly trained men and women employed for the purposes of education as at the present time in our country; and yet never have crime and vice been so prevalent and shameless as to-day; when, like a conflagration the fires of iniquity sweep through the land and, as a colossal Moloch, devour the best and noblest blood of the time. This is not a spasm of exaggeration, but the truth, as stated by Doctor Louis T. Wilson. "This vice is on the increase rather than on the decrease in this country."

NATURE AND EXTENT OF SOCIAL EVIL

Let us seriously consider this question in the light of the results traced and catalogued by those who are qualified to speak with authority.

Doctor Prince A. Morrow says "One eighth of all disease and suffering come from this source."

Taking Chicago as a representative American city, the following statistics from the police list are alarming, to say

the least: There are 192 houses of ill fame; employing 1,192 women in this traffic of commercialized vice.

Appalling as this number of unfortunate women is, it is not to be compared with the number of men whose sin demands employment of these unfortunate creatures, which is listed at 15,180 per day, in the year totaling 5,540,700 or two and a half times as many as the population of the city. At a very conservative estimate these figures show that one half the population of the country is indulging in commercialized vice; for these figures do not take into consideration the clandestine or secretly maintained lives of vice.

However, the Chicago Commission, with Dean Sumner at the head, proved the Chicago police list to be woefully lacking in its details and estimates, and as a result of a more careful and extended investigation it was discovered that not less than 5,000 public women were employed in this work, and that 1,000 girls were required to supply the demand each year, to fill the vacancies which occurred in the ranks of the victims of social impurity; and as a result of this dreadful sacrifice of 1,000 girls annually, a profit of \$15,000,000 was collected by those creatures who fattened on this pollution of the city's life.

It is estimated that there are at least 500,000 unfortunate girls and women thus being sacrificed to the lusts of American manhood, entailing 40,000 (some say 50,000) recruits each year. For it is a tragic fact that the average life of a public woman is but five years in such sin.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD

The double standard of morals which is tolerated by our civilization is a standing disgrace to our boasted culture; for while it looks with disdain upon the "fallen woman," it has no censure or frown for the "fallen man." The estimate of a French authority is that only four young men out of one thousand going to the altar to marry their brides are sexually pure. I refer to M. Brioux, the author of *Damaged Goods*. It is also a fact that for every "fallen woman" there are "twenty fallen men."

And unspeakably sad as the tragedy of a woman's descent from virtue and chastity is, we are not justified in pouring out upon the "weaker sex" our merciless contempt, while the

“lords of creation” blight and wither the bloom and fragrance of holy womanhood at the rate of 40,000 per year with impunity.

If men were men and not less, we should not have “fallen woman,” for woman is always what man man wants her to be.

SOWING AND REAPING

These statistics of Doctor Morrow are full of tragic meaning:

Each year 770,000 males of the population of this country reach maturity and enter the danger zone of sex.

This great army leaves the realm of childhood each one a potential citizen, at least, with possibilities for being the greatest among men and enters into that state of adolescence in which the new emotions well up and surge through the being, liberating the powers of a new imagination which as a mighty tide carries the individual into a new world. In a most literal sense a “nation is born in a day.”

But watch the history of this annual reinforcement to the Nation’s manhood as they step forward to take the place of those who lay down the burden of life, and who now have the sacred duty of “carrying forward to higher heights the torch of life.”

Sixty per cent, that is, 450,000 become infected with venereal disease sometime during their lifetime, at the following rates:

20 per cent before they are 20 years of age.

50 per cent before they are 25 years of age.

80 per cent before they are 30 years of age.

Then reflect that this disease is communicable not only to innocent wives, but is transmitted to the helpless offspring.

The two diseases which follow in the wake of this vicious conduct are syphilis and gonorrhoea.

Doctor Morrow says that the former is responsible for:

90 per cent of locomotor ataxia.

75 per cent of ocular paralysis.

40 per cent of abortions.

The Christian world has always held up Herod as the great baby-killer, and therefore he has been execrated; yet the self-same Christian civilization has permitted this tidal wave of lust, producing this disease which is responsible for a denial of life to from 60 to 80 per cent of unborn innocents;

while many who are born are doomed to suffer with iritis, choroiditis and retinitis, which are serious diseases of the eye, or general paralysis.

The toll of the other species of venereal disease is as follows:

80 per cent of inflammatory diseases peculiar to women.

75 per cent of pus forming pelvic inflammations.

50 per cent of all gynæcological operations.

80 per cent of blindness of new-born babies.

20 per cent of all blindness.

The total number of blind in the United States in 1890 was 10,000 plus, traceable to this scourge of venereal disease.

In some countries the grave menace of this condition has been recognized and provision made to cope with it; for instance, in some places, as Norway and Denmark, doctors are required to register such cases of venereal disease, as here, scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc., must be registered. In Spain a young man who wishes to marry must have a doctor's certificate as well as a license.

More and more the need of safeguarding innocent women in marriage from possible danger to themselves and their offspring is becoming imperative and some States of this Union have legislated similarly to Spain.

That such a course has some justification is suggested by a study of the following statistics:

In this country one marriage in seven is sterile; that is, the end in view, children, is unrealized.

Fifty per cent of such sterility in wives and 25 per cent in husbands is caused by gonorrhœa.

Doctor G. Stanley Hall says:

"We can now squarely put the first question in this field. It is inevitable, and parents and teachers with a just sense of their responsibility must now answer it in one way or another. It is this: If the above is true, shall your children be informed of it clearly, or will you let them take their chance in ignorance, for the results of which they may later hold you to grim account?"

CAUSE VERY LARGELY IGNORANCE

That this condition has its origin in ignorance of childhood is sustained by facts and experiences which have been colated, and some of which are herewith noticed.

In the Juvenile Court of Chicago, Illinois, during the first ten years of its experience, 2,241 girls were brought before it, and of this number 65 to 80 out of each hundred were arraigned for sexual irregularity. Of this number only fifteen per cent were over sixteen years of age.

The Committee of Fifteen in New York reports that a considerable proportion of syphilitics treated in the hospitals are boys in their teens.

Professor Fournier observed 10,000 syphilitics and found that 817 were infected before their twenty-sixth year; and 1,530 from twenty-one to twenty-six.

"In 1908 there were 3,122 children brought before the Juvenile Court of New York City, and it was found that one per cent of the boys and twenty per cent of the girls were suffering from venereal infection."—Reported by Clara Schmidt.

Can parents be excused if the duty of informing children in these matters is no longer neglected? Shall we not have a right to insist that our boards of education consider this subject and try to reach it in some satisfactory way, and not any longer adopt the "ostrich philosophy"? Is it not time, as Professor Henderson says, "for all those who value our national health and morality to unite in a reasonable, earnest and patient campaign for sexual purity? For apathy and neglect there is no longer any excuse."

CATALOGUE OF IDENTIFIED CAUSES

In order to properly and intelligently devise remedies we should at least get a cursory glance at the causes which produce this terrific harvest of corruption, misery and death, which has been inadequately described. The Chicago Commission prepares the following list as discovered causes.

1. Lack of ethical teaching and religious training.
2. Economic conditions.
3. Employment in seasonable trades in which women especially are engaged.
4. Abnormality.
5. Unhappy home conditions.
6. Careless and ignorant parents.
7. Broken promises.
8. Love of ease and luxury.
9. The craving for excitement and change.
10. Ignorance of hygiene.

For six of these causes, parents, teachers and ministers are responsible. The economic causes can be reached by parents and legislation. Abnormality can be reached by eugenics. Broken promises, meaning the betrayal under the promise of marriage, might be largely controlled by home influences.

For it is so conspicuously true that when the age of puberty has been reached and the association of the sexes means vastly more than it did mean before that time, that there ought to be both judicious teaching and vigilant supervision. When courtship is permitted it should be with a dignity and sacredness which would impress upon each of the lovers the tremendous responsibility of the event. But for the foolish and promiscuous familiarity of young people, where suggestive talk, actions and liberties are permitted, there should be positive condemnation. It seems pretty clear that these ten causes can be grouped into two catalogues and both of them covered by eugenics and euthenics, which will bring them under the control of either parents or society.

PARENTAL NEGLIGENCE

Again, we can not insist too often nor too strongly that most of this world-misery is the outcome of parental negligence, either in ignorance or prudery. Therefore we must primarily make our appeal to mothers and fathers, and insist that instruction can not begin too early, for the prophylactic method is the safest, most economical and most effective. The old saying is true in this case, "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." The two great factors in this prophylaxis are comradeship and education.

Children not properly controlled in childhood will certainly be reluctant in their obedience in youth, if at all obedient. One of the direct fruits following laxity in parental control and home discipline is this general feralism, one of the chief characteristics of American youth of both sexes. We mean, allowing young people to run wild, without chaperonage or control: grouping themselves together in the cities, loitering in public places, drug stores, dance halls, picture shows, theaters, hotel lobbies, railway stations and amusement grounds.

The clandestine motor car rides, often with parties unknown, are too frequently the beginnings of tragedies such as

can be read in daily newspapers at any time, and of many scandals which are not permitted publicity.

Another thing which needs attention is the permitting of young people, especially girls to stay away from home nights without parents knowing precisely where and with whom they stay. Still worse is it for them to leave home and take up apartments or rooms while pursuing studies or at business.

It is well also to get acquainted with the companions with whom our children like to associate, find out by comradeship what they like to talk about, what pleasures interest them, and also what books they like to read. Live the children's lives and so prepare yourself to save them from dangers which you can see when they are quite innocent of danger.

HOW AND WHEN TO TEACH SEX HYGIENE

The time and methods of teaching our children the lessons of life and its methods of transmission must be considered a serious duty that parents should not leave altogether to others but attend to themselves. Just when and how must depend upon many circumstances and particularly upon the development of the child. In no case should the child who comes with the various questions with which all are familiar, more or less, be turned away with scoldings or evasions or untruths. For if the parents will not supply the satisfactory replies, curiosity will demand satisfaction through other channels, not always sweet and clean, so that these matters which should be treated with sacredness and great care are brutalized and presented in such a way as to disgust the sensibilities.

If in the judgment of the mother or father the full information sought is considered beyond the child's capacity, then express pleasure that you have been approached and say that just now is not a good time to talk things of that kind over fully, but that you will take time to think about it, and when you are ready you will tell them of the matter. ABOVE ALL THINGS DO NOT LOSE THE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT OF YOUR CHILD IF YOU WISH TO CONTROL AND TEACH IT.

THE FINAL REMEDY

The final remedy for the social evil is in training the children to clean thinking, and unfolding the truth to them in

such a manner and in such proportions as will meet the capacity and need at the time. To do this the parent must be comrade as well as mother or father, and home must be a real place of shelter, comfort, enjoyment, sympathy and repose; a place that will always be a refuge even when everything else has failed.

The unity of interests and the cooperation of parents, teachers and ministers in this greatest of all duties, is growing, and the splendid help of the earnest men and women of the medical profession who are letting in upon these questions the sweetening influence of knowledge altogether make an augury of better days and inspire us to believe that the nadir has been reached and we are on the upward trend.

Everything which can lift up the mind to a nobler and sweeter outlook upon life should be accepted and employed to improve and strengthen all that is good and honorable in the child; avoiding the measures of repression, but directing and discriminating to the end that evil shall be refused and goodness always welcome. Never forget that ignorance menaces, demeans, and enslaves. Purity in the social realm depends upon individual purity in thought and word and deed. Social redemption is in ratio to the individual consecration of life to high and noble purpose.

Finally, may we make a special plea to our boys that they will spurn the false spirit of the age, which upholds the dual standard of morality, and urge them to treat all young ladies in the same way in which they would wish their chums or friends to treat their own sisters; and that they will prepare themselves for the day when they shall seek the hand of the lady they wish for their wife and companion with a cleanness and honor equivalent to that which they hope will characterize the man who seeks the love of their sister.

Sex is a holy thing; God is responsible for it, it is not a trick of the Devil to damn the soul; it is the most dynamic spring and fountain of the heroism and chivalry the world has ever known, and to it we owe the grandeur and glory of human character, which is the heritage of the past generations to us, and will be the patrimony we shall hand over to the future.

Let us treat sex with intelligent reverence; and not allow it to run riot in the ways of sin, but direct it to the holy purposes which God has revealed in Nature's wonderful "book of life."

The following pamphlets and books are indorsed by the Social Purity Board as being among the best to be obtained on the subject of purity teaching. This list will be extended as other worthy publications are found or are produced from our own press. The Board will be pleased to cooperate with any missionary or local officer who will assist in getting this literature judiciously before the people.

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