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### OUR TOPIC TALK.

August 16.—Lessons from Paul: How to use tact in dealing with men. I. Cor. 9: 19-23.

In dealing with the unsaved, every Christian should be anxious to present the truth attractively. But timidity often arises from a sense of one's inability, and the attempt to be "all things to all men" has led to a vacillating, catering attitude towards the world on the part of some Christians. The real problem from the practical worker lies in choosing a course that will make the truth attractive, and at the same time preserve it untarnished.

Paul is a good model. He was no weakling—he strove to accommodate himself to all men, but never at the sacrifice of his principles. Yet Paul was surprisingly tactful, and usually successful.

The secret of his success lay in his motives. His tact was not self-centered. One who seeks to be tactful for selfish ends will ultimately fail. Paul, on the contrary, worked for others and the gospel's sake. He was less concerned about being popular with all than with how he could best serve all.

Thus he managed to forget himself—a necessity in truly tactful conduct. Professionalism or formalism, which are so distasteful, are over-emphasized self-consciousness. But the great apostle had nothing of this. Though his knowledge was greater than that of his hearers, and his purposes higher, he could lay aside any tendency to assist his own superiority, in the effort to make the truth great and give it saving power. He ever preached not Paul, but Christ.

We shall learn to use tact in personal work when, like Paul, we have realized the importance of our message, when a passion for souls has been coupled with an earnest faith in and desire for the gospel's success, and when "becoming all things" to others means a life in which self is forgotten, but truth is held supreme and untarnished.

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### LEAGUE REPORT.

Note.—A report of the tenth annual convention of the Free Baptist Young People's Provincial League, August 4th to 6th, will appear in next week's issue, an unexpected delay having occurred to prevent its appearance this week.

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### What an Endeavor Society Did for a Church.

From an excellent article under the above heading by Rev. W. K. Spencer, D. D., in the *Christian Endeavor World* for May 3rd, we take the following:

It began as a children's meeting conducted by a devout lady on Sunday afternoons, then it changed to a boys' and girls' society, of which the members had partial control. About 1890 it grew into a so-called Endeavor Society, with a curtailed constitution and a pledge that had no backbone. At last it developed into a regular Christian Endeavor Society. These changes were not brought about by outside pressure, but resulted from the growing life within. And so the society came to its hour of opportunity, and was ready for its work.

It turned the energy of the young people toward the church, and bound the old and the young elements of the church together. There were plenty of young people in the congregation, but before the Endeavor Society came into being the current of their enthusiasm and energy was away from the church rather than towards it. At one time the pastor mourned because some thirty of his young people left the service preparatory to the communion in order to enjoy a sleigh-ride and dance in a neighboring town. After the Endeavor Society had mounted the throne it was said of those young people, "It is no use asking them to take part in this; they won't do a single thing they think is wrong." At first the older church-members criticised, and the sexton made public complaints of the new society. But soon suspicion changed to confidence, the officials had been loved into praise, and the sexton admitted that his tools did not get lost as much as they used to.

It acted as the servant of the church through its flower and hotel committee. The ushers Sunday mornings not unfrequently met strangers in the vestibule, who said, "I came to church this morning because I found this invitation at the hotel;" whilst the silent ministry of the bouquet of flowers with the accompanying verse of Scripture often awakened feelings of gratitude to the society, the church, and their common Lord.

Its Christian-citizenship committee united the better elements of the town in a Law and Order League, which was and is effectual in maintaining civic righteousness.

By voting that it would give money instead of trying to raise it by socials and entertainments, by preaching and practising systematic and proportionate giving, it set a pattern for the church to follow along the line of true beneficence. Although not more than one-quarter of its members had an independent income, it enrolled one-third of its members as tithe-payers, and secured a diploma from the United Society of Endeavor at the Cleveland convention.

It rented a pew in the church for the use of strangers, gave \$125 a year to the missionary boards of its denomination; and, when the church trustee asked it to give them \$75 to wipe out an old debt, it gave them \$100. This was done beside meeting its own running expenses, and since 1892 sending from two to twenty delegates to each International convention.

It trained an elder for the church, two superintendents for the Sunday-school, and nearly half the Sunday-school teachers. It furnished a president for the Young Men's Christian Association, and two general secretaries.

It has its pin upon a well-known evangelist in this country, one foreign missionary in the Laos country, two foreign missionaries in Persia.

When God in mercy sent the spirit of revival to the church, the Endeavorers were among the most loyal and efficient workers, and by their prayers and labor many were won for Christ.

This is an absolutely truthful, although imperfect, account of what has happened in a certain church. All things considered, is it strange that pastor and people together believe in the Endeavor Society?

### TO THE TREASURER.

Give receipts for every payment made to you, get vouchers for every payment you make, and insist upon having an auditor for your accounts. Keep these accounts clearly, neatly and with absolute accuracy. The chief cause of inaccuracy will be removed if you record immediately all receipts and payments; do not allow your accounts to get in arrears. Make your report brief, so that it can be manifolded, and each member be given a copy. Keep the society informed as to the condition of the treasury, and do not rest satisfied with poor gifts. Appoint yourself a committee of one on generosity.

### HOW TO HELP A MEETING.

Come; come early.  
Take a front seat.  
Bring somebody else.  
Sing. Supposing you don't know one note from another, you will feel better for having tried and will encourage others.

Say something, if it is only two words—twenty-five short testimonies are better than a whole "posey-bed of glittering nothings, or beautiful sunset sky rhetoric." Men who come don't want gush—they want life.

Don't keep your mouth shut for fear of making mistakes. Bless your heart, a hundred years from now the fact that you used bad grammar won't bother you a bit if some soul was saved because you did say something.

Don't start a discussion.  
Don't wait till the last one; somebody will say just what you wanted to. It always happens so.

Don't think about that engagement to-morrow.  
Too much world in your heart will act like water on a fire.

Look just as pleasant as you can. It is contagious. Remember that its God's service and not that of the human being who is leading.

Remember that the leader needs prayers, sympathy and support.

Remember that long prayers are too good for a good meeting.

Finally, take home that part of the meeting that hit you the hardest, and think over it.

Don't pass it over your shoulder to the one back of you.

Make the stranger welcome.

Talk the meeting up and not down. If you cannot say anything good about it, keep quiet.

Pray much for blessing.—C. E. Herald.

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## ACCIDENTAL?

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### BISHOP TAYLOR.

"There is no difficulty," said a man of experience the other day, "in finding plenty of members in every church who will talk about work, suggest work, and even start work; but there is a plentiful lack of people who just work, and keep on working." The need of every church to-day is young people in its membership who will "just work and keep on working." Are we helping to fill that need, or do we belong to the talkers, starters, suggesters—and shirkers?