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OUR TOPIC TALK.

AUG. 9.—*Lessons from Paul: How we may get his passion for souls.* Rom. 1: 1-17.

Paul's passion for souls was born of his own experience. The burden of sin had rested heavily upon him. He had struggled hard for deliverance, but nowhere found it until he came to Christ.

To this belief that Christ was the only way of salvation was added Paul's unlimited confidence in the Gospel's power. There was no sinner beyond its power. Roman or Greek, Gentile or Jew, would find the gospel which he preached sufficient to save.

Had Paul been selfish he might have believed all this and yet failed in earnest work for others, but he was supremely unselfish and threw himself passionately into the endeavor to give to others that which meant life and joy to him.

Further, Paul's sense of gratitude for Christ's goodness to him gave him a sense of duty to his Master. But the irksomeness of duty disappeared in the consciousness of privilege. To be a fellow-worker with Christ in the salvation of humanity was a great incentive to activity.

But Paul would have failed in passion for souls, and so will we fail, without the inspiring power of love. The heart becomes filled with God's love by the Holy Spirit's presence. (Rom. 5: 5). When the world is put out the Spirit will come in.

S. J. C.

THREE ITEMS AND THREE TEXTS.

A New York broker made \$42,000 in two days, put \$50 with it to make \$150,000 in three days, and lost the whole in six hours' turn of the market. In the morning he was living in a palace; in the evening he was hunting up a room.

A California widow had plans made for a \$50,000 monument for her deceased husband; but when the lawyers got through fighting over the estate, the widow was doing housework at \$2 per week for the man who drafted the monument.

Stephen Von Kegel, worth 20,000,000 florins, and styled "the handsomest man in Europe," recently committed suicide in one of the parks.

"Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away

as an eagle towards heaven." Prov. 23: 5.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy:

"That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 Tim. 6: 17-19.

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 2 Tim. 6: 7-10.—*The Common People.*

FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEES.

A Character Social.—A member of our social committee cut from the numerous magazines and papers (which are not all kept on file) a great many pictures of prominent persons in church and state, and the portraits of quite a number of our national and state Christian Endeavor leaders, and put them in a box. At one of our recent socials these were taken from the box, and each one was required to talk for a few minutes about the character he held. It was surprising to see how little, and again how much, could be said in the given time. Of course the one who had luckily drawn President Clark or Secretary Baer or Miss Stone, had to be rung down, and wanted to be continued. Try it!
C.E.W.

THE MINISTRY OF SORROW.

BY REV. DR. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

God is a wonderful organist who knows just what heart-chord to strike. In the Black Forest of Germany a baron built a castle with two lofty towers. From one tower to the other he stretched several wires, which in calm weather were motionless and silent. When the wind began to blow, the wires began to play like an Aeolian harp in the window. As the wind rose into a fierce gale, the old baron sat in his castle and heard his mighty hurricane-harp playing grandly over the battlements. So, while the weather is calm and the skies clear, a great many of the emotions of a Christian's heart are silent. As soon as the wind of adversity smites the chords, the heart begins to play, and when God sends a hurricane of terrible trial you will hear strains of submission and faith, and even of sublime confidence and holy exultation, which we never could have heard in the calm hours of prosperity.

A WORD IN SEASON.

On a cold winter evening, said Dr. T. L. Cuyler recently, I made my first call on a rich merchant in New York. As I left the door and the piercing gale swept in, I said:

"What an awful night for the poor!"

He went back, and, bringing to me a roll of bank-bills, said:

"Please hand these for me to the poorest people you know."

After a few days I wrote to him the

grateful thanks of the poor whom his bounty had relieved, and added:

"How is it that a man so kind to his fellow-creatures, has always been so unkind to his Saviour as to refuse him his heart?"

That sentence touched him to the core. He sent for me to come and talk with him, and speedily gave himself to Christ. He has been a most useful Christian ever since. But he told me I was the first person who had talked to him about his soul in twenty years. One hour of work did more for that man than the pulpit effort of a lifetime.

Brethren, don't neglect the hand-to-hand and face-to-face combat. Be diligent seekers of individual souls. Watch your opportunities.—*Lutheran Standard.*

RUN, SPEAK TO THAT YOUNG MAN.

Some years ago we were asked by a wife to speak to her husband about Christ. He was a most genial and popular physician in a large city; but alas, like many such, he had become addicted to drink.

We waited in his office for some time. At last, with a smile on his face, he came up, grasped our hand and laid his ohter on our shoulder. "What can I do for you?" he asked.

Looking him straight in the eye, and smiling back, we said, "I came in to talk with you about Jesus Christ and his love for you." In a moment great tears fell on my hand, and his grasp tightened as he cried, "You are the first man who has spoken to me about my soul in twenty years."

Twenty years of silence in a Christian city, in a Christian home, and no one to speak to him about Christ. Twenty years of silence! And such men are all around us, waiting for those who know Christ to introduce him.

Run, speak to that young man.—*Brotherhood Star.*

DO THE NEXT THING.

A young woman at one of our conventions expressed her great desire, as soon as the way opened, to become a missionary in some heathen land. Her pastor afterward expressed his surprise. Said he: "I have never known that she had the slightest interest in the salvation of her friends at home." Some young people have much to say about the "slums." If they only had an opportunity to go down and work among the lost in the lodging-houses of the great city, how gladly would they go! Such persons are making fatal mistake. The souls of unsaved friends whom they meet every day are as precious as unsaved souls in China or the city's slums. They are as needy. They are in even greater peril. For the present, these unconverted schoolmates, store-chums, and neighbors present our special mission field. If they are neglected how can we expect God to call us to work where greater heroism and self-sacrifice are required?

Unsaved fathers. Unsaved mothers. Unsaved brothers. Unsaved sisters. Unsaved fellow-workmen on the farm, in the store, in the factory, in the office. Unsaved classmates at school. Unsaved friends whom we meet in social life. Unsaved people touching our elbows in the church. Unsaved persons in the next house over whom we have large personal influence. This is our field.

Shall they longer remain out of Christ? Shall they drift further away? Shall they continue to run the fearful

A Nervous Woman

Will often feel compelled to stop the clock whose ticking seems unbearable to her. In such a nervous condition the woman needs a building up of the entire system. It is useless to attempt the cure



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