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OUR TOPIC TALK.

April 5.—*What the parable of the good Samaritan teaches us.* Lk. 10: 25-37.

Christ's parables are packed with truth, but there is always one chief thought around which many helpful suggestions cluster; and the key to any parable is to be found in the circumstances which call it forth.

The story of the good Samaritan is Christ's reply to the lawyer who prided himself on his professional righteousness; and its main purpose is to teach that the acquirement of eternal life is conditioned not on doing something, but on being something. This may not be evident at first sight; let us examine the situation.

Why did neither the priest nor the Levite help the wounded man? This was an obscure spot, the helpless one was a stranger; if assistance should be given the fact might never become known, so no credit would be won thereby. Why trouble oneself about him! But why did the Samaritan show such kindness? He was not trying to obey any law, nor was he thinking of winning merit; he was simply giving expression to what was in his heart.

So Christ replies to the lawyer, "Go thou and do likewise;" that is, let love for all men be your life's controlling motive—be righteous in heart and then you will be righteous in deed.

Some questions may be helpful:

To the priest this seemed an insignificant opportunity, and he let it pass. Are we in any danger of doing likewise?

Who is our neighbor to-day?

What are some of his needs?

What are some of the things we can do for him?

What is essential in all service? (1 Cor. 13: 3). S. J. C.



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What Retrenchment in India Means,

A Message from the Field to Those of us at Home who Could do More.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, the veteran missionary of the Reformed Church, writes stirringly as follows in the *Missionary Review of the World* for April:

What does retrenchment mean in India? I will give you a few composite photographs taken from those working in different missions, and from these safe general conclusions may be drawn, without a tedious array of statistics.

THE DISAPPOINTED HOPE.

"Good news, wife, good news," called Mr. G., as he sprang from the horse on which he had ridden twenty-three miles from a trip in the district. "The people of three hamlets near Kotur have given up their idols, pledged themselves to observe the Sabbath, and to obey all Christian teachings so fast as they are taught to them. They promise to send their children to school to learn to read the Bible and Christian books, and I have promised to give them two teachers, for two of the hamlets are near each other, and one school will do for both. They are in hereditary servitude to the head man of the neighboring caste town, and are wretchedly poor, but they seem to be really in earnest. We shall get hold of their children, even if we do not make very intelligent Christians out of the older people. Now, if that extra two hundred dollars that I asked for in the new year's appropriation comes, it will just cover the absolutely necessary outlay in these three villages, and in the two that I received last month, eighteen miles south. There is evidently a movement toward Christianity among these downtrodden people, and if we can only provide them with teachers, we shall see a grand ingathering. Thank God for giving us this opening, for which we have long been praying and working."

His wife tried to look glad, but failed, as she led him in for the cup of tea and slice of toast she had prepared since seeing him come over the knoll a mile away, and until he had this refreshment she would not tell him of the home mail, with its freight of crushing news that had come during his absence.

He needed the refreshment, for even then his hands trembled and read the imperative orders for a ten per cent retrenchment on the last year's expenditure, instead of his hoped-for expansion, and then, putting his head on his hands, the strong man sobbed. "Then these seekers to whom I have promised the bread of life must go back and feed on their old ashes. O God what does thy church mean thus to play fast and loose with thirsty souls?—to send me to proclaim in all this district, 'Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,' and then strike the cup of the water of life from their lips as they bend to drink. Merciful Jesus show thy church what they are doing."

To be continued.



Heredity.—Whether consumption is inherited or not the only safe way is to check the first signs of decline or loss of weight. Physicians everywhere recommend "The D & L" Emulsion for this purpose.

HELPERS AND HINDERERS.

The ever-recurring question which workers have to face is, how can our societies be maintained in spiritual vigor? That is the great problem of the Christian life, and consequently it is the chief problem of the church and of all Christian organizations. The society which began its career with courage, enthusiasm and earnest purpose, finds after a few years that it has lost much of its zeal, buoyancy, and its spiritual power. Some of the workers have become discouraged, and the meetings have deteriorated in virility and helpfulness. What is to be done?

It is a well-known principle that every expenditure of energy must be made good by renewal or there will be a loss of power. Every article produced in a factory represents a definite amount of coal consumed in the furnace. Stop feeding coal in the engine room and you will stop producing articles in the factory. Expenditure of power must be made good or the results will cease. This law is absolute.

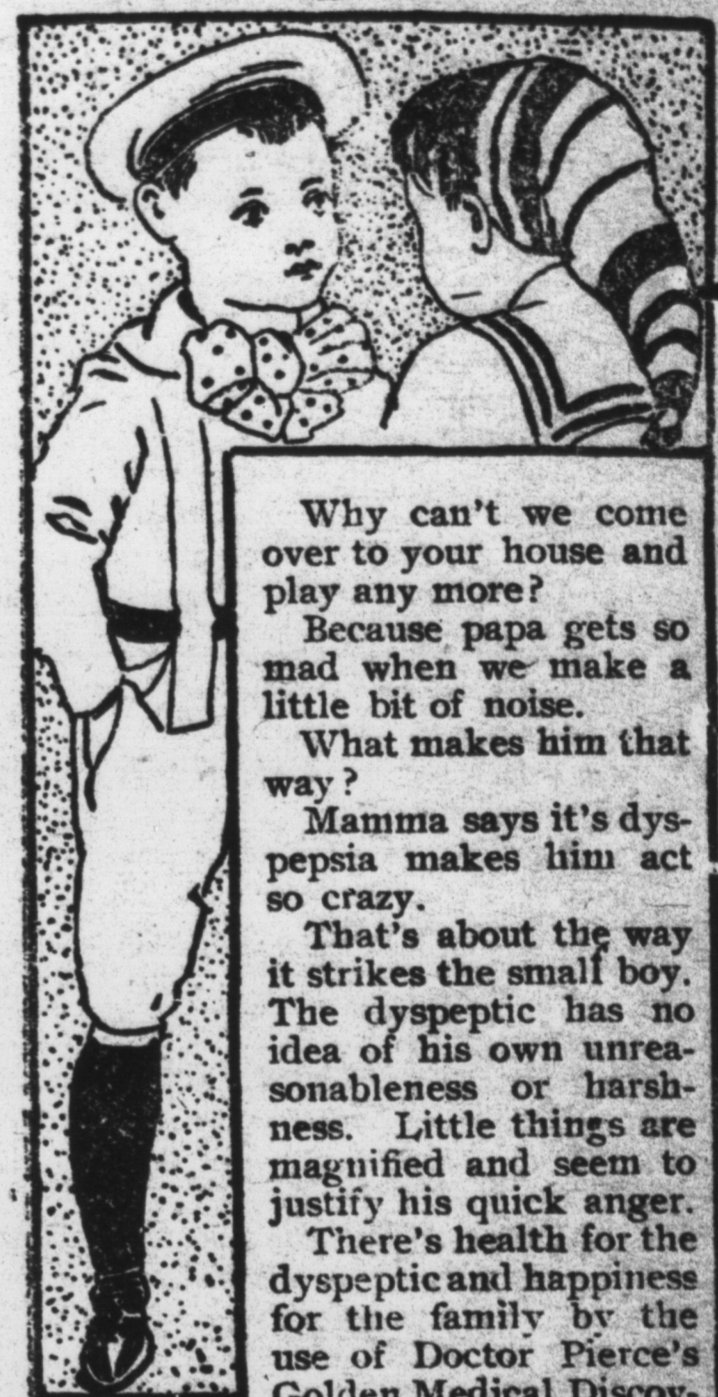
Many societies have neglected this obvious principle. More attention has been given to the expenditure than to the renewal. The loss has not been made good. How long can spiritual vigor be maintained when the outlay is greater than the expenditure? In business life this is simply a question of figures. The road to bankruptcy for any commercial institution is along the road where more is spent than is earned. Spiritual bankruptcy will come as inevitably to a society along the same path.

Not until members are willing to put into the society as much, or more than they take out, will they receive the greatest benefits for themselves and keep the society in a state of high efficiency. When any considerable number of Endeavorers think more of the benefits they are to receive than of the blessings they are to confer, the question will soon be propounded by that society, What can we do to keep up the interest in our work? Every individual who unites with the society just for what can be got out of it will be more of a hindrance than a help. The member who proves a pillar of the organization is the one who, receiving much, displays a willingness to share with others the blessings which he has secured.—*C. E. Herald.*

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