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OUR TOPIC TALK.

March 22.—*What Christ teaches about judging others.* Mt. 7:1-5.

1. *Fault-finding is a dangerous habit.* It benefits no one, and is sure to injure the one who indulges in it. Some people find fault with the work they have to do, with the church to which they belong, or with the world in which they live. But more to be dreaded is the man who speaks slanderously, or even thoughtlessly, of the character or conduct of his fellow man. No Christian should ever find himself at home among any of these grumblers.

2. *What does it mean to judge another?* It may mean to pronounce an opinion upon his deeds or words. No objection can be taken to this, if one were as ready to see and praise the good as he is to condemn the fault. It requires some skill to speak the proper word of praise at the proper time, but far wiser must he be who would speak the right word of reproof. One must recognize his duty to his erring neighbor, but it is a duty to help him rather than to judge him. "Judge not," says Christ. That is, do not assume to know what motives may prompt another's action. God only can read the heart.

3. *Self-examination is an excellent practice,* but one should examine himself in the light of God's purity, and not in comparison with his neighbor's conduct. "Cast the beam out of thine own eye," then you can be used by God to help others. Your eyes have much to do in determining the kind of world you see. The blind man sees no rainbow, nevertheless its elegant hues charm your soul. So one may fail to see the good qualities of another's act, because there is some defect in his own vision. S. J. C.

It is an Elixir of Life.—Since forgotten time, men have been seeking for the Elixir of Life, which tradition says once existed. Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil is an Elixir, before which pain cannot live. It is made up of six essential oils, carefully blended so that their curative properties are concentrated in one. It has no equal in the treatment of lumbago, rheumatism, and all bodily pains.

PLEDGE PAPERS.

No. VI.

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part aside from singing in every Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll-call."

Are you a member of a Christian Endeavor Society?

"Yes."

What kind of a member are you?

"I joined as an active member."

Yes, but since you have belonged to the society, what kind of member have you been?

"I hardly know what you mean."

Well, have you made it the rule of your life to pray and read your Bible every day?

"Oh, yes, I pray and read my Bible."

Every day?

"Well, no, not always."

Do you always attend the church mid-week prayer service?

"Well, no."

Do you always attend the Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting, and do you always speak the word of testimony Christ prompts you to say?

"Well—I mean—no, but I'm generally at the consecration meeting and I nearly always read a verse of scripture in response to my name at the roll-call."

How many kinds of members may belong to your society?

"Three."

What are they?

"Active, associate and honorary."

Shouldn't there be another class?

"What would you call it if there was?"

Dishonorary!

Reader of this column, have I been talking with you just now? Think.

Dear Christian Endeavorers, it is well for us to consider our pledge carefully and prayerfully at the beginning of this new year. If during the past year every part of the pledge that we did not keep were marked out, what would remain? Would there be anything more than "I, I, I left?" I'm afraid not. Let us confess to God our carelessness and our broken vows—our unkept pledge. It wouldn't hurt us if there was some genuine weeping over it. God forgive us!

The little boy had a pretty good conception of repentance when he said: "It's to be sorry for your sins and quit them." And so, active members, if you have been unfaithful in the past, the best way for you to deal with your inactivity is to be sorry for it and "quit" it. Then with all the energies of your being, and with a greater faith in the Holy Spirit, go to work for God. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," would make a good motto for us all. "Labor on," "Something for thee," may such hymns as these be sung often in our meetings. Be alive! be active! and then you will aid and inspire many another in 1903.

"True to all my duties." The old Saxon meaning of *true* is faithful.

The Dutch meaning is to be wedded. I'm afraid soon after the wedding—when we signed our pledge—very many of us divorced our duties or have been grossly unfaithful to them.

What next? "To be present at, etc." Endeavorers, for the sake of the leader, that bashful young man, or that trembling young woman—be present at the meeting. Sit away up front and encourage the leader. Be present in your proper place for the sake of the look-out committee, who have made sacrifice and have prayed often for absentees, for the sake of the secretary and the officers, but most of all, for Jesus' sake.

We have not pledged to preach a sermon, or sing a solo, or read an essay in every meeting, but we have promised to "take some part," aside from singing, in every C. E. prayer-meeting. How thankful we should be for "some part" in this blessed work for Christ and the church." A brief prayer, a testimony, a quotation from the Word, with your spirit in it, will be blessed by the Great Spirit to your good and the blessing of others.

The consecration or the "crowning meeting" of the society, you don't want to miss it. You can't afford to miss it. Here we confess what we have not done, rejoice in what has been done, and pray that with greater earnestness and deeper consecration we may do what ought to be done.

Now, Endeavorers, get your pencil and pledge card and underline the following:

"My Lord and Master." "Active." "True to all my duties." "Present." "To take some part." "If absent, will send verse of scripture (or something else, may be a written testimony) to be read at roll-call."

Lord Jesus help us to be faithful to thee and to others in the keeping of this pledge! Amen.

M. L. G.

DO NOT DELAY.

If unhappy delays have cost some men the loss of battles and other men the loss of profitable bargains, there are innumerable cases in which delays have cost the salvation of a soul. The time element is made prominent in the Bible. It abounds in such urgent words as "straightway," "now," and "to-day."

One of the most pathetic scenes described by our Lord is that of the tardy guests clamoring for admission to the wedding feast who are told that "the door is shut." At the day of final judgment we may well believe that those who come there from gospel-lighted lands will be divided into two classes—those who seized their opportunity, and those who lost it. The happiest hosts on the right hand of the Judge will contain those who "knew the time of their visitation," who obeyed the heavenly voice, who improved the influences of the Holy Spirit and pressed in while the gates stood open. And among these happy ones the happiest will be those earnest laborers for Christ who caught every opportunity to do good, and, by cooperating with the Divine Spirit, won precious souls to the Master.—*Thos. L. Cuyler, D. D.*



The diver dies without air to breathe. The consumptive dies without lungs to breathe the air, or of lungs rendered incapable of breathing by disease. The blood as it flows in and out of the lungs indicates the consumptive's progress. As the lungs grow weaker less oxygen is inhaled and the blood changes from scarlet to purple. Oxygen is the life of the blood as the blood is the life of the body.

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