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### OUR TOPIC TALK.

June 28.—Christ in our cities. Acts 18:1-11; Luke 19:41-44; Matt. 11:23-24.

Paul found Corinth a discouraging place in which to work. His failure at Athens was still fresh in his mind, his own kinsman were rejecting him, and he might expect at any moment maltreatment by the mob.

Under such discouragement he may have thought it useless to try further in that wicked city. Some had believed, and as for others, they seemed hopelessly indifferent. Would it not be better to move on to a new place? But the Lord strengthened him in a vision.

God may have much people where we do not suspect it. The church sometimes feels discouraged with the effort to evangelize those who are near, but seeks more distant activities. There is a fascinating indefiniteness about the remote which creates hope. Yet for most of us the field of labor is in the small circle of our every day associations. Right here the Lord may have much people and he may want us to claim them for him. Perhaps that one who seems most indifferent will be the first to respond to an invitation to accept Christ.

It is of great inspiration in active work if one can realize that every unsaved soul by right belongs to God, and there is every promise of success for the one who seeks to restore the lost as earnestly as he would search for a lost jewel. Success is guaranteed by a vision of the Lord. S. J. C.

### A TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Temperance meetings are generally conceded to be among the hardest to arrange for, and Temperance Committees among the most difficult to work properly. Just why this is so might not be easy to say, but the truth of the assertion few will gainsay. Asuredly none of us are blind to the need of temperance work, but just how to work, and what to do (especially in a society composed chiefly of young ladies), is an open question that might profitably receive more discussion than it is generally given.

However, I attended a temperance meeting that was among the best I ever knew of, and thinking it might be suggestive to others, write this brief report of it.

The president was in the chair, it being the regular night for the consecration meeting in this society, and or-

ened the service in the old, familiar way, by singing, responsive Scripture reading, and prayers. Then the topic was discussed in a thoughtful, practical way, but in not such an exhaustive fashion that everyone felt "there was nothing more left to be said," and another good stirring "working hymn" sung with the vigor that I have learned to be characteristic of this society. After the leader had taken her seat, she asked this question, "Why is intemperance an injury to us physiologically?" And immediately a young man, to whom this subject had previously been assigned, arose and stated clearly and concisely the reasons why intemperance plays such havoc on our physical beings. Then another question, "Why is intemperance a hindrance to business?" and another young man told in simple language a few of the reasons that the intemperate man could not cope in business with the man who is master of himself and his appetites. A third question even more vital followed, "Why is intemperance a moral evil, and a hindrance to spiritual life?" which was discussed by yet another member, the three questions, with their answers, giving in a brief but certainly emphatic manner, objections along lines both theoretical and practical, to this whole subject that are well worth the careful attention of the friends of the temperance cause.

Next came a reading, from the *Christian Endeavor World*, one of the popular series, "Uncle Lije's Opinions," bearing directly, in the peculiar style of "Uncle Lije," upon gambling in general and card playing in particular. The fact that it was remarked afterwards that this reading was "so appropriate," is a point that it might be well for us to think of—why a reading on gambling is appropriate in a temperance meeting.

This being, as was said, the consecration meeting as well, one of the "Pledge Papers" lately published in our Column was read, it having been recommended by the Prayer Meeting Committee some time ago that these papers be read in the society, one at each consecration meeting, in order that the members might be brought again to consider the serious nature of the pledge they had taken upon themselves. The roll was then called, all the members present responding either by testimony, or by a memory verse on the topic for the evening, the pledge was repeated by all in concert, a series of sentence prayers offered, and the meeting came to a close. There was nothing remarkably unusual about it, nothing but what any society, however devoid of the much-talked-of "talent" might have, but it was a "good meeting," principally, it would seem, because thought had been put on it by the leader, careful preparation made for it, and the members were all willing to do the best they could to "help out,"—these were the successful elements from a human point of view, without which the most fervent prayers for the meeting would never have materialized in an hour so freighted with suggestiveness. G.

*There is Only One Electric Oil.*—When an article, be it medicine or anything else, becomes popular, imitations invariably spring up to derive advantage from the original, which they themselves could never win on their own merits. Imitations of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil have been numerous but never successful. Those who know the genuine are not put off with a substitute, but demand the real thing.

### HEAD LIGHTS.

#### IV.

#### THE LOOKOUT, OR HIGHWAY AND HEDGE COMMITTEE.

This committee should be composed of the very best material in the society. No "experimenting" should be done here to see if a member can be gotten to work. This is the most important committee in the society; it should feel its importance, and by all means should have special seasons for prayer and consultation. If failure has come to make the society what it ought to be, seek that failure in this committee's lack of knowing what to do and how to do it.

The increase of members and the cordiality at the meeting largely depend upon this committee. Let us, therefore, look at a few things the lookout or highway and hedge committee may do.

1. Go up in the Mountain of Transfiguration and then go down into the common walks of life, and your faces will glow so that all will know you have been in communion with God. Don't attempt to talk with sinners until you first know how to talk with God. It is not head power, but heart power that moves the world.

2. Make a list of the available names for membership and visitation. As fast as secured for membership write opposite their names how secured. Let this list be kept by the committee. By the way, never wholly change this committee.

3. Assist the prayer meeting committee in securing leaders and material for the leaders, since you know the members' ability and temperament and thus are able to help place the right leader where he can do the most good.

4. No small part of this committee's work is to increase the sociability of the members and making strangers feel at home. "Ye are all brethren," is not always fully realized. Plan occasionally a good warm hand-shake.

5. Encourage the weak members by placing literature in their hands and by encouraging them in taking part in prayer and testimony. Let this committee keep well scattered through the audience for this very purpose. When one of these "weak ones" has led a meeting look to the helpful things said and done, and tell them; it will encourage them in attempting greater things for God.

6. Keep in living touch with your pastor and every department of church work, never forgetting that you live for "Christ and the Church."

7. Keep the object of the society—to save souls—always in your hearts and minds, and let every effort of yours tend towards fulfilling that object.

JOHN H. WOLFE.

### THE PERIL OF LITTLE SINS.

It does not take a rifle-ball to destroy a life; men have died of pin-wounds. Some shepherds once saw an eagle soar out from a crag. It flew majestically far up into the sky, but by and by it became unsteady in its motions, and began to waver in its flight. At length one wing dropped, and then the other, and the poor bird struggled vainly for a moment, and then fell swiftly to the ground.

The shepherds sought the fallen bird, and found that a little serpent had fastened itself upon it while it rested on the crag. The eagle did not know that the serpent was there. But the reptile gnawed in through the feathers, and while the proud monarch was



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