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THE C. E. TOPIC.—Dec. 4.

HOW TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

Psa. 100: 1-5; John 4: 19-24.

Romans 14: 13-21.

Palmer, the Eastern traveller, once saw an Arab merchant who was crying his wares when he heard from a tower near by the Moslem call to prayers. At once the Arab obeyed and fell to praying audibly; but it was a queer mixture, for every other sentence was a devout invocation of Allah, and with every other sentence he continued to advertise his goods and summon the passer-by.

We smile, perhaps we frown; but it is a question whether many of us have a right to point the finger at that Arab. When we go to church, is our worship the worship in spirit and in truth which alone the Saviour desires? Or do we not all too often, though more quietly, mix business and devotion, worldliness and heaven, precisely after the Arab's fashion?

True worship, in the first place, is longed for. It is a matter of appetite. Says Thoreau, "How prompt we are to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our bodies; how slow to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our souls!" But too often our souls are not hungry and thirsty; if they were, we should leap to the spread table.

Now we cannot get an appetite except by exercise; so that true worship, in the second place, is prepared for. The worker is the worshipper. If your church services are dead to you, it is because no service on your part has preceded them. Try to conquer evil, in yourself and others; try to alleviate the woes of the wretched; minister to the sick and the prisoner; feed the hungry and aid the poor; teach the ignorant; toil for the kingdom of heaven as men toil for the kingdom of earth; do all this, or only a part of it all, and your feeble, perplexed soul will hasten to the sanctuary with an eager cry for the guidance and strength it so sadly needs. Truly live for the things of the spirit, and you will know what it is to worship in spirit and in truth.

The temper of the age is far from worship. As "Ian Maclaren" expresses it, "One is haunted with the conviction that we have almost bidden good-by to reverence." Our shoes remain on our feet in the holy place—our shoes on our feet and our hat on our head. There is whispering in prayer time, with no thought of the awful profanation. Nay, worst profanation of all, we present our words to the listening company, while

pretending prayer to the Almighty. Churches are places to meet one another and not to meet God; hymns are exercises for the pleasures of the throat; sermons are "eloquent efforts" or "stupid bores;" too often the thought of worship is the last that we associate with the forms of religion.

Let this meeting, Endeavorers, arouse us all to remedy the great evil. Banish from your society the spirit of irreverence. Deal frankly and persistently with the whisperers and the gigglers. Pray much, before the meeting and through it, for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Rely upon him to take of the things of Christ, and show them even to the most irreverent, and he will do it.

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Rev. E. S. Parker has been engaged as missionary, and has entered upon his duties. He is at present in the First District. In another column his work will be regularly reported by Bro. Prosser, the Home Mission Secretary. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society, is assisting in the work, consequently the demand will not be as great upon the League as it was last year. Yet we have assumed the greater portion of the responsibility, and shall have to look close after our friends.

E. B. Staples, of Marysville, has accepted the position of treasurer. Kindly bear this in mind. All League funds should be sent to him.

What is being done in your society? Are there not some items of interest? If so, please send them in, either direct to the INTELLIGENCER office or to myself. We will be pleased to hear from you at all times.

After the new year I will be in a position to visit any society that may want help, and will be pleased to do so. Let me know if I can be of any service.

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Sec.

A LESSON FROM FOOTBALL.

Opinions differ greatly as to the value of football. Some look upon it simply as a splendid opportunity for brutality, others as an efficient training school for the "strenuous life." Without attempting to settle its great value, we can all find in it at least one important lesson. And that is the lesson of the importance of team work.

There is no game probably in which team work is so vital a factor. In golf, for example, the team wins or loses just in proportion as its members are better or poorer individually than their opponents. In baseball the chief emphasis is upon the individual merit, though team work counts for something. But in football the team work is fully as important, often more important, than the individual playing. An eleven which plays together like a machine will invariably defeat the eleven which depends upon the star playing of one or two members and expects them to win the game. Time and again this has been illustrated upon the gridiron.

Sometimes a team with excellent players will give a pitiable, lifeless exhibition and be soundly defeated and, a little later that same team, with the same men, sweep an opposing eleven down the field and win triumphantly. What is the difference? It is in the team work, in the way they get together on every play.

A man to be a good football player has to understand how to get into every play. If he has the ball, he can do nothing unless others are in front of

him, beside him and behind him. If another has the ball, it is his place to make it possible for that one to gain ground. A man who would play hard only when given the ball would be discharged after the first exhibition. A man must play just as hard to help the man with the ball as he does when the ball is under his own arm. It is only when the players thus help one another, irrespective of who makes the touch down, that games are won. Each man wants the team to win and devotes himself to that end without regard for personal glory.

There is a very practical lesson in this for church members. There team work is just as important as upon the football field. And yet how often does a church depend upon the achievements of its back field, while the line does little or nothing. A church where the members unite heartily, each contributing his full share, becomes an invincible force to a community. It is always far stronger than another church of the same size with a very few effective workers and the rest drones.

The trouble is that in all our churches there are a good many who take no interest in the game unless the ball is given to them. They must be in the staff positions or they do nothing. If a committee is appointed they must be chairman; if in a society they are useless unless elected officers. Somebody has to be behind pushing, others must be in front clearing the way, but few volunteer for those tasks. A football game is not won by such a spirit, nor does a church prosper when all must be officers or they will not play. We need the spirit of self-effacement for the securing of church triumph. Our members must be willing to work anywhere with anyone else, even though the other one gets more recognition and glory. It is the glory of our Master that we are after; it is the triumph of the kingdom. We can learn a very important lesson from football in this matter of individual effacement for the glory of the organization.—*Baptist Commonwealth.*

THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF A GOOD MOTHER.

Boys recommend their mothers, we sometimes say, but mothers also recommend their sons. His mother's character, in a place where she is known, is a valuable part of the stock-in-trade of a boy just entering upon business. A striking instance of this has just come to our knowledge in a most unexpected quarter—the liquor trade. A boy from the country applied for a position in a liquor-store in Boston, and would have entered upon the work had not his mother objected. The proprietors made an effort to get her to withdraw her objection, and wrote as follows:

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This is much better testimony to the commercial value of a good mother than it is to the business which handles such dangerous goods that it is forced to insist that its servants shall be as unlike as possible to its customers.—*Congregationalist.*

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A Christian is a Christlike man. Measured by that standard, how far short of perfection the best of men fall. As for the vast majority of those who call themselves Christians because they belong to a church and profess a creed, their likeness to Christ is so slight that the difference between them and the mere worldling is hardly, if at all, distinguishable. Such worldly-minded Christians may be saved "so as by fire," but meanwhile the light that is in them is darkness. They are neither the light of the world nor the salt of it.—*The Examiner.*

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A man must choose his neighbor; he must take the neighbor that God sends him. In him, whoever he be, lies hidden or revealed a beautiful brother. The neighbor is just the man who is next to you at the moment. The love of our neighbor is the only door out of the dungeon of self.—*George Macdonald.*

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We carry happiness in our condition, but cannot hope to find it there.