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November 8, 1903. — *What Elijah teaches us.* 2 Kings 2:1-2; Matt. 11:14; Jas. 5:17, 18.

John the Baptist came, we are told, "in the spirit and power of Elijah." In that same spirit and power we, too, may go about our work in the world.

What was the spirit of Elijah?

It was one of courage, as when he faced Ahab, the king, the four hundred and fifty priests of Baal, even Jezebel, and afterwards Ahaziah. There are Ahab's and Jezebel's still in the world for Christians to face.

It was one of trust, confiding in the fowls of the air, in the poor widow, in God's promises of miracles and of protection. Whether ours are as great miracles or not, ours may be as great a trust.

It was one of independence. Elijah did not need any of the things which Ahab and his court thought of as necessities, and so Elijah influenced Ahab and his court. The ruler of men is always the one that needs least from men.

It was one of patience, as when Elijah waited three and a half years for the famine to cease, and for the command to approach Ahab again. The most effective speakers are those that wait God's orders to open their mouths.

And if that was Elijah's spirit, what was his power? It was the power to face opposition, to speak out his mind without fear or favor, to endure poverty and hardship, to win men to his side, as when he won Obadiah, to attach followers to himself, like Elisha and the sons of the prophets, to train those followers to destroy the evil, to minister to those that cared for him, and finally to conquer death itself.

There is not a single item of this list but may be true of us in all its essentials. In these days we do not need the miracles, but we still have as much need of God as Elijah had, and God is eager to be as much to us as he was to Elijah.—*C. E. World.*



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DON'T WORK WITHOUT TOOLS.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

(Many of the helps referred to below may be procured free from the Corresponding Secretary of our League, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Fredericton, N. B., free; others may be purchased at a small outlay either through him, or direct from the "Golden Rule Publishing Co., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.—COM.)

I can remember the time when I did not possess one of those useful writing-boards, with a clip at the top for holding down the loose sheets of paper. I do not know why I did without one for so long. I certainly could afford it. Partly because I did not realize how convenient they are, partly because I was too lazy to go and get one. But I managed with smooth books—geographies and the like, and with sliding, slippery weights to hold my paper, and I got along.

One day, however, I happened to be buying some note-books in a stationer's and saw some of these paper clips, and thought I would buy one. It cost all of a quarter. Well, you would not believe me if I told you how much solid comfort I got out of that little purchase! Writing was quite a different undertaking. I invented a dozen excuses for writing, just to have the pleasure of using my clip. And I wrote twice as fast, it seemed to me, as ever before.

It was the same way with my lawnmower. Back in the far-away time when I was a boy, lawn-mowers were not the every-day sort of thing they are now. I used a sickle for my lawn, and many another lawn in town was trimmed in the same slow, plodding, back-breaking way. But when I mustered money and courage enough to get a lawnmower, what a transformation in my attitude towards that lawn! How I actually longed for the grass to grow that I might work anew the wondrous miracle of smoothness! As I trudged along behind the whirling knives, and watched the grass-blades flying in a green cloud above its glittering conquest, I was a Napoleon, mowing down armies, and reducing the whole map to my uniform domain! Ah, if pushing a lawn-mower were only the luxury to me now that it was then!

I have learned, fellow Endeavorers, by these and many other experiences, the folly of working without proper tools. The right tool doubles the man. Sometimes it trebles or quadruples him. To labor with clumsy tools is a sinful waste of the strength God has given us to do effective work for him.

And nowhere, I think, is this neglect of tools so sinful as in religious work, because no work is so important as that is. There are thousands of Christian Endeavor societies that are committing this great mistake. Where a few cents would make their labors twice as easy and ten times as fruitful, they are plodding along in the same old way, turning up the ground with a stick for a plough.

One of the greatest things the United Society of Christian Endeavor has done is to publish a complete set of printed helps for Christian endeavor work. Never since time began has a religious movement created for itself a set of helps so complete and useful. You can buy from the United Society, at the cost of a few cents, complete guides for all kinds of Christian Endeavor work. If it is an important committee, like the prayer-meeting committee, you can get a book, costing thirty-five cents, containing the fullest collection of prayer-meeting plans ever made, all of them

proved by the experience of many societies. If it is a subordinate committee, like the flower committee, you will find its work explained, with all needed suggestions for new and delightful outreaches, in a five-cent pamphlet. And so it is with every line of Christian Endeavor activity. With a fullness proportioned to the importance and complexity of the work, the United Society have ready for your use a leaflet or a pamphlet or a book, and all at the lowest possible cost.

As to the quality of these books, I hesitate to speak, so many of them bear my own name on the cover! But I can modestly say of most of them that they are the very best in existence—because there is nothing else in existence of the kind. And of all of them I can say that they are far more the work of the Endeavorers everywhere than of myself, being crammed with the plans that their bright brains have devised and their faithful will executed in thousands of societies all over the land.

The slight profit made from the sale of each book goes solely to the United Society, and the aggregate of these small sums makes up its only source of income for its great world-wide work of propagating Christian Endeavor and increasing still further the efficiency of the society in the local churches. This fact constitutes still another claim on the interest and support of the Endeavorers.

Do not get the impression that the material furnished is merely books and pamphlets and leaflets, necessary as these are. Each committee has need of other supplies. Here are topic cards in beautiful forms and great variety and unexampled cheapness. Here are wall mottoes and wall pledges. Here are the very noblest of song-books. Here are cards for the use of the flower committee, and record books for the secretary, and notification cards for the lookout committee, and pins and badges in bewildering and charming materials and fashions.

There is many a society that does not know it needs anything, while it really needs many things to make its work effective. There is many a society that is vaguely conscious of a lack in its work, but does not realize what that lack is. In almost every case what the dropping, dispirited society needs is to incorporate into its activities the best that has been devised through all these years by the Christian Endeavor societies and workers of the world. That you will get from the United Society, and you will get it nowhere else.

Every Christian Endeavorer—officer or committee chairman or active worker—should have, in the first place, a copy of the full price-list published by the United Society. You can get this by a postal-card request sent to the "United Society of Christian Endeavor, Tremont Temple, Boston."

And then, every society should possess a complete set of Christian Endeavor tools. I do not know what committees you have in your society, or I should like to make out a list for you. You will want "The Officers' Handbook," "Prayer-Meeting Methods," "On the Lookout," "Christian Endeavor Grace-Notes," (for the music committee). You will want a book for the social committee and for the missionary committee, and the United Society publishes several for each. You will want "The Christian Endeavor Greeting" to give to your new members. If you will send for the price-list, you can see for yourself what you need for each committee,



There have been times when the wild beasts have been more merciful than

human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women. In the home the mistress sees the maid with the signs of suffering she recognizes so well, but she does not lighten the sick girl's load by a touch of her finger. In the store the forewoman sees the pallor and exhaustion which mark womanly weakness, but allows nothing for them. It is work or quit.

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