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A WORD TO GRUMBLING PREACHERS

I have read those letters of complaint of the hardship experienced on our rural circuits, and lest it should be said that I write about things I do not know, I state the following facts: I was in the ministry thirty-three years; twenty-three of those years were spent on back missions, or rural circuits. During my probation and two years as an ordained single man, I only received my full salary one year; and one year, after I had paid the Superannuation Fund and missions, I had twenty-five dollars for my year's work and my book bill was forty dollars. My first two years as sub-pastor the salary was \$475; taking \$47.50 as the Lord's portion, my wife and I and a horse had to live on the remainder. My first appointment was to a back mission with five appointments and forty members. The returns from my mission in August were five dollars. I did not complain to the board, but gave the best preaching, on the Sabbath following, that I could give, and never mentioned money; nor did I ever mention money at any time I preached to them. I gave them my best. What was the result? At the end of the year they paid me up and there was \$16 left in the treasury. I believe that if any man who is called to the ministry gives himself wholly to his work, God will take care that he shall not want. In those times of pinching we learned to live on little and find out how many things we could do without. I am sure God will take care of the workman if the workman will take care of His work.

One of my brother ministers came to me and said: "I will have to leave the ministry; I cannot pay my way." I said, "No! You must not do that; you must go on and trust things will come out all right." He went back to his work; things opened up for him, and he filled some of our best pulpits in this city. He is now in the home land reaping the fruits of a consecrated life.

Let me say to my brothers who are finding things hard. Never mind the hardship; give yourself afresh to God and His work! Never talk money, but talk the gospel to your people, and you will come out all right!

What will you say to the Saviour when He asks you why you left the task to which He appointed you? Why did you abandon the building up of His kingdom?

What will a man say who turns his back on his appointed task? When I read the life of the Apostle Paul I am silent, and if I should speak at all I would say, "Addison, stick to your task, if you have only a brown loaf and no butter!"

Now a word about farmers, and they will get cross at me. As a whole they are less liberal than any other class I know. Of course there are grand exceptions. I was visiting my brother, and as we sat at table, he said: "Peter, we give our preacher \$700, and he does not think he has enough. I do not know what he does with his money." I began and asked him what he paid for his milk (we had cream), butter and so on. There was not a thing on that table that he had paid a cent for, except a little sugar and tea. "Now," I said, "the preacher has all those things to buy." He was silent. Farmers do not know what it costs to live. Another thing. Every preacher is expected to live a generous life towards others. If I were a layman, and I was praying for the kind of a preacher I wanted, one thing I would say, "Oh, Lord, whatever you send us, do not send us a stingy preacher."

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A HEALTHY CHRISTIAN.

A healthy body is a blessing never to be lightly esteemed, but it is not to be compared with a healthy soul. It is worth remembering that our two words healthy and holy come from the same root, that root suggesting chiefly the idea of wholeness. A healthy soul, therefore, is a sound, whole soul. And a healthy Christian is a holy, that is, a whole Christian. And of course he is a wholesome Christian. The dictionary tells us that the word wholesome refers to that which has a tendency to produce health, and a healthy Christian, surely, is not only sound in himself, but he has, besides, a positive health-producing, salutary, salubrious quality. As a matter of fact a healthy Christian is one whose moral and spiritual soundness is likely to become contagious. People who live near him tend to catch that thing which is supremely characteristic of him; his whole community tends, more or less, to take on color of health and soundness and wholesomeness from what he is. It is surely worth while trying to be a healthy Christian.—Christian Guardian.

THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION

Frank Talmage, cousin of the distinguished T. DeWitt Talmage, has the following exhortation to preachers in a recent issue of the Christian Standard: "The Gospel is what men need and not speculations and disquisitions on Things immaterial. The sooner a preacher learns this the better for him and his ministry. If he desires to be a successful preacher of righteousness, he must depend upon the gospel as the world's greatest need. It may not be what the world wants, but it surely is what the world needs, and it needs it badly. It is the only specific that will cure a wounded soul; the only tonic that will strengthen the enfeebled sons of men. The speculations of the schools may provoke mental thought, but at the best they are naught but vague vagaries, and are unsatisfying to the soul's call after God. Will doubts cast upon the statements of the word of God tend to loftier lives and holier endeavor? Will the discrediting of the story of Jonah, and the floating axe, and the Virgin birth, pave the way to the acceptance of God's proclamation to a perishing world to turn and live? The gospel of Christ is not a power, one of many, but it is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Why wander away from it to waste good time in the discussion of generalities that are useless and utterly without power to save a single soul. The trouble with all of us today is that we have not studied this lesson of the mighty power of the alone gospel to save the world. We have weakened it with speculation, diluted it with our human opinions and suggestions, and crippled its mighty purpose by our ill-timed doubts. Put it in the forefront and get behind it. Preach it as it is, give it a chance, and as certain as the magnet will attract the steel so surely will the gospel that once turned the world upside down draw and win the hearts of men. If we have not learned this lesson of the drawing power of Christ's gospel to save men, and the only power that can, or will, do it, we have labored in vain."—Sel.

A BLOW AT THE TOBACCO EVIL.

Both houses of the Utah legislature have passed an anti-cigarette law which, it is said, will absolutely prohibit the manufacture in the state. The measure now goes to the governor. We understand that the state of Kansas has a similar law which is well enforced. Give us the virile, blood-red vigor of the West, even though it is sometimes impetuous, rather than the oft-times shameful and sinful conversation of the East. Prohibition is entrenched in the west, and if there is any general revolt against the tyranny of the tobacco trust it will originate in the West where moneyed interests are not so fully entrenched, and where "the common people" still compose the foundation of society. Sin may be popular but it is never right.—Wesleyan Methodist.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him."

Let everyone do all they can in giving to Home and Foreign Missions.