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EDITORIAL

EDIFIED AND MULTIPLIED

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." (Acts 9:31). That statement gives the general state and progress of the churches mentioned by the writer. Particularly would I have you to notice that they were "edified" and "multiplied", which means they grew spiritually and numerically. The saints were built up and sinners were saved and brought in. The churches were both strengthened and enlarged, and doubtless the latter was proof of the genuineness of the first.

I have read somewhere of a pastor who tendered his resignation to his church because no souls were being saved and no members were being added. His deacons pressed him to remain, telling him that the saints were being edified. "Edified for what?" was the pastor's reply. The edification of the saints is an important part of the pastor's work. Many pastors need to give more time and attention to this ministry. But where there is true edification there will also be multiplication. Edified saints become soulwinners, well equipped soulwinners. A church that grows spiritually will grow numerically. That is true of a denomination and of a local assembly. Is your church being edified and multiplied? The multiplying will hardly come without the edifying, but if the edifying is genuine there will surely be added continually such as are being saved.

—E. W. T.

"A LIVING EPISTLE"

Rev. E. C. Baird

The great preacher closed his sermon with an earnest and eloquent gospel appeal. Among the score or more who responded was a woman of wealth and social distinction. She asked permission to speak a word to the audience.

"I want you to know," she said, "just why I came forward tonight. It was not because of any word spoken by the preacher. I stand here because of the influence of a little woman who sits before me. Her fingers are rough with toil; the hard work of many years has stooped her low; she is just a poor, obscure washerwoman, who has served in my home for many years. I have never known her to become impatient,

speaking an unkind word or doing a dishonorable deed. I know of countless little acts of unselfish love that adorn her life. Shamefacedly, let me say that I have openly sneered at her faith and laughed at her fidelity to God. Yet, when my little girl was taken away, it was this woman who caused me to look beyond the grave and shed my first tear of hope. The sweet magnetism of her life has led me to Christ. I covet the thing that has made her life so beautiful."

At the request of the preacher, the little woman was led forward, her eyes all streaming with glad tears, and such a shining face as one seldom sees on this earth. "Let me introduce to you," said he, "the real preacher of the evening." And the great audience arose in silent, though not tearless, respect.

Oh, ye obscure toilers of the world, ye patient doers of the Word, think not that no one sees! I say unto you that a great cloud of witnesses will rise up on that day, and call you blessed!—The Christian Standard.

THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

Whose is it?

Jan. 15th. Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly but he has forgotten me, I guess.

Feb. 2nd. Clean up. I was dusted with other things and put back in my place.

Feb. 8th. Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Bible class.

March 7th. Clean up. Dusted and in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Bible class.

April 2nd. Busy day. Owner led meeting somewhere, and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one, though it was right there in its place all the time.

May 5th. In Grandma's lap again this noon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Colossians 2:5-7.

May 6th. In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on I. Corinthians 15 and the last four verses of the 15th chapter.

May 7th, 8th and 9th. In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me, and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10th. Grandma gone. Back in the old place.

June 3rd. Had a couple of foreign stamps stuck in me today.

July 1st. Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a holiday, I guess.

July 10th. Still in trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15th. Home again and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

August 1st. Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old cap on top of me. Wish they would take them off—From "The Boy's Magazine." (August, 1950).

RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH . . .

Let us take a look at the influence of wickedness on the one hand, and that of godliness on the other, as regards motherhood and offspring:

Let us consider two families: the Jonathan Edwards family, and the Jukes family.

The Edwards family lived in New England. Mrs. Edwards was a saintly woman, and a great mother. In the offspring and record of that family we find the following: 13 became presidents of universities; 65, college professors; 60, doctors; 100, lawyers; 100, preachers; 60, authors; 30, judges. Others became senators, mayors, and public servants.

The Jukes family, also, lived in New York; of their descendants, we have the following: 300 died prematurely; 200 were thieves and murderers; 300 were executed; 90 were prostitutes; 145 were drunkards; 200 victims of social disease. The crimes of that family cost the State of New York more than \$1,000,000!

What a tragic contrast! Truly, the Scripture passage is true: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

—Exchange.

ZEAL!

A missionary in India writes: "I know a few Communist young men in India who are giving 55% and more of their incomes for the cause of Communism." Thus the Communistic plague spreads all over the globe, while the Gospel chariot rolls sleepily on or coasts slowly toward a standstill, because the Communists are more zealous, more active, more willing to sacrifice for the devil's business than most Christians are for the Lord's work.

TAKE A STAND

It is said that while the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern was entering a Norwegian port the Kaiser became impatient at the slowness of the vessel's speed, and rang the bell, indicating, "Increase speed." Instantly the Norwegian pilot, named Nordhuns, rushed to the telephone and cried to the engine-room: "Slow down; take no notice of the bell."

The Kaiser looked at him in amazement, and said, "Go and put yourself under arrest."

"I shall not leave this place," said the pilot firmly; "the ship is under my guidance and I take orders from nobody, not even the Emperor."

The Emperor quit the bridge, and the next day, having recovered his good humor, decorated the old sea-dog, named him the "Official pilot in Norwegian waters."

May we learn a lesson from this, and take a stand for God. "That Daniel regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed."—Dr. Peter Wiseman.

POISON IN BOOKS

A man in India, as he was searching for a book, felt a pain in his finger, like the prick of a pin. He took little notice of it; but soon his arm began to swell, and in a short time he was dead. A small, but deadly serpent was found among the books. There are many who receive in a book a bad wound that may seem slight, but proves fatal to the soul. Be careful what you read.