SECRET SOCIETIES.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Preaches on Organizations That Work for Humanity's Service.

WHY SILENCE IS SOMETIMES BEST.

Washington, D. C.—A practical question which is asked in most houses and for many years is here asked by Dr. Talmage and answered; text, Proverbs xxv, 9, "Discorer not a secret to another."

It appears that in Solomon's time, as in all subsequent periods of the world, there were people too much disposed to tell all they knew. It was blab, blab, blab; physicians revealing the case of their patients, lawyers exposing the private affairs of their clients, neighbors advertising the faults of the next door resident, pretending friends betraying confidences.

One-half of the trouble of every community comes from the fact that so many people have not capacity to keep their [Copyright 1901.1

munity comes from the fact that so many people have not capacity to keep their mouths shut. When I hear something disparaging of you, my first duty is not to tell you, but if I tell you what somebody has said against you and then go out and tell everybody else what I told you, and they go out and tell others what I told them that I told you, and we all go out, some to hunt up the originator of the story and others to hunt it down, we shall get the whole community talking about what you do and what you did not do, and there will be as many scalps taken as though a band of Modocs had swept upon a helpless village. We have two ears, but only one tongue, a physioswept upon a helpless village. We have two ears, but only one tongue, a physiological suggestion that we ought to hear a good deal more than we tell. Let us join a conspiracy that we will tell each other all the good and nothing of the ill, and then there will not be such awful need of sermons on Solomon's words, "Discover not a secret to another."

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Solomon had a very large domestic cir. e. In his earlier days he had very concle. In his earlier days he had very confused notions about monogamy and polygamy, and his multitudinous associates in the matrimonial state kept him too well informed as to what was going on in Jerusalem. They gathered up all the privacies and poured them into his ear, and his family became a sorosis or female debating society of 700, discussing day after day all the difficulties between husbands and wives, between employers and employes, between rulers and subjects, until Solomon, in my text, deplores volubility about affairs that do not belong to us and extols the virtue of secretiveness.

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By the power of a secret divulged families, churches, neighborhoods, nations, fly apart. By the power of a secret kept fly apart. By the power of a secret kept charities, socialities, reformatory movements and Christian enterprises may be advanced. Men are gregarious—cattle in herds, fish in schools, birds in flocks, men in social circles. You may by the discharge of a gun scatter a flock of quails or by the plunge of an anchor send apart the denizens of the sea, but they will gather themselves together again. If you by some new power could break the associations in which men now stand, they would again adhere. God meant it so. He has gathered all the flowers and shrubs into associations. You may plant one forget-me-not or heartsease alone away off upon the hillside, but it will soon hunt up some other forget-me-not or heartsease. Plants love company. You will find them talking to the server in the secret heartsease. Plants love company. You will find them talking to each other in

You sometimes see a man with no outbranchings of sympathy. His nature is cold and hard, like a ship's mast ice glazed, which the most agile sailor could never climb. Others have a thousand roots and a thousand branches. Innumerable tendrils climb their hearts and blossom all the way up, and the fowls of heaven sing in the branches. In consequence of this tendency we find men compared to the standard of t ing together in tribes, in communities churches, in societies. Some gather gether to cultivate the arts, some to plan welfare of the state, some to discuss religious themes, some to kindle their mirth, some to advance their craft. So mirth, some to advance their craft. So every active community is divided into associations of artists, of merchants, of bookbinders, of carpenters, of masons, of plasterers, of shipwrights, of plumbers. Do you cry out against it? Then you cry out against a tendency divinely implanted. Your tirades would accomplish no more than if you should preach to a busy ant bill a long sermon against several excitation.

shillings and sixpence for the first offense, five shillings for the second, ten shillings for the third, and if still persisting shall be dealt with as the committee thinks

Let any Christian wife rejoice when her Let any Christian wife rejoice when her husband consecrates evenings to the service of humanity and of God or anything elevating, but let no man sacrifice home lifs to secret society life, as many do. I can point out to you a great many names of mer: who are guilty of this sacrilege. They are as genial as angels at the society received and served as a great home. They They are as genial as angels at the society rooms and as ugly as sin at home. They are generous on all subjects of wine suppers, yachts and fine horses, but they are stingy about their wives' dresses and the children's shoes. That man has made that which might be a healthful influence a usurper of his affections, and he has married it, and he is guilty of moral bigamy. Under this process the wife, whatever her features, becomes uninteresting and homely. He becomes critical of her, does not like the dress, does not like the way she arranges her hair, is amazed that he she arranges her hair, is amazed that he ever was so unromantic as to offer her hand and heart.

There are secret societies where membership always involves domestic shipwreck. Tell me that a man has joined a certain

Tell me that a man has joined a certain kind and tell me nothing more about him for ten years, and I will write his history if he be still alive. The man is a wine guzzler, his wife broken hearted or prematurely old, his fortune gone and his home a mere name in the directory.

Here are six secular nights in the week. "What shall I do with them?" says the father and the husband. "I will give four of these nights to the improvement and entertainment of my family, either at home or in good neighborhood. I will devote one to charitable institutions. I will devote one to charitable institutions. I will devote one to my lodge." I congratulate you. Here is a man who says. "Out of the six secular nights of the week I will devote five to lodges and clubs and associations and one to the home, which night I will spend in scowling like a March squall, wishing I was out spending it as I have spend the other five. That was a which is possible. wishing I was out spending it as I have spent the other five." That man's obitu-ary is written. Not one out of 10,000 that

ary is written. Not one out of 10,000 that ever get so far on the wrong road ever stops. Gradually his health will fail through late hours, and through too much stimulants he will be first-rate prey for erysipelas and rheumatism of the beart.

The doctor coming in will at a glance see it is not only present disease he roust fight, but years of fast living. The clergyman for the sake of the feelings of the family on the funeral day will only talk in religious generalities. The men who got his yacht in the eternal rapids will not be at the obsequies. They have pressing engagements that day. They will send flowers to the coffin, will send their wives to utter words of sympathy, but they will to utter words of sympathy, but they will have engagements elsewhere. They never

Another test by which you can find whether your secret society is right or wrong is the effect it has on your secular occupation. I can understand how through such an institution a man can reach commercial success. I know some men have formed their best business relations through such a channel. If the secret society has advantaged you in an honorable calling it is a good one. But has your credit failed? Are bargain makers now more anxious how they trust you with a bale of goods? Have the men whose names were down in the commercial agency Al before they entered the society been going down since in commercial Another test by which you can find been going down since in commercial standing? Then look out.

Standing? Then look out.

You and I every day know of commercial establishments going to ruin through the social excesses of one or two members, their fortune beaten to death with ball player's bat or cut amidships with the front prow of the regatta or going down under the swift hoofs of the fast horses or drowned in the large sections.

The third test by which you may know whether the society to which you belong is good or bad is this: What is its effect on your sense of moral and religious obligation? Now, if I should take the names of all the people in this audience and put them on a roll, and then I should lay that roll back of this organ, and a hundred years from now some one should take that roll and call it from A to Z, there would not one of you answer. I say that any society that makes me forget that fact is a bad society.

Which would you rather have to be read to solve, \$2,000\$\3,00; Plums, per carrier, 75c.a\$1.25; Raspberries, red, per quart, 8a10c; Squash, per bas-ket, 30a40c; Tomatoes, per 2-basket carriers, \$1.00a1.50; Watermelons, Florida and Georgia, per 100, \$14.00a22.00.

Potatoes—White, New Norfolk, per brl, No. 1, \$2.25a2.50; do, culls and seconds, 75c.a\$1.25; do, Rappahannock, per brl.. Rose, \$2.25a2.50; ad society. Which would you rather have in your

Joseph Commonthy is divided into a bookbinders, of argretists, of planness of glasterers, of shipwights, of planness of the company of

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

New York (Special).-R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade says:-New lines of woolen goods for delivery after October 1 opened at moderate reductions from last year's prices, as generally expected by the trade. Supplies of heavy-weight goods have been reduced to a satisfactory point and the situa-tion in all branches of the industry is such as to engender confidence. Cotton goods are dull, neither buyers nor sellers exhibiting any eagerness to make propositions. Mills are not fully employed either North or South. Shoe shops are producing at full capacity, with orders arriving steadily.

Variations in the corn market indicated manipulation by stock market interests. Reports of damage to crops were undoubtedly exaggerated. High prices prevailed throughout the week however, and 2,449,921 bushels of old corn were taken out of cribs and marketed at big profits. Foreign buying is insignificant, Atlantic exports for the week amounting to only 1,042,361 bushels against 3,099,897 a year ago, when quotations were about 15 cents lower Wheat prices are more rational and the movement is heavy. Receipts for the week were 6,898,528 bushels, against 5.046,997 last year, and Atlantic exports 4.873,309 bushels, against 1,604,935 a

year ago. Failures for the week numbered 198 in the United States, against 231 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 28 last

Bradstreet's financial review says:-Money was easy all week and the fav-orable bank statement of Saturday allays apprehensions as to high rates of interest when the demand for funds to move the crops assumes full propor-

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Best Patent, \$4.65: High Grade Extra, \$4.15; Minnesota bakers, Wheat-New York, No. 2, red, 79c; Philadelphia, No. 2, red, 74a74½c;

Baltimore, 70a741/2c. Corn-New York, No. 2, 57%c; Philadelphia, No. 2, 58/2459c; Baltimore, No. 2, 58a59.

Oats-New York, No. 2, 401/2c; Phildelphia, No. 2, white, 48c; Baltimore, No. 2, white, 431/2 a44c. Ryc-New York, No. 2, 591/2c; Philadelphia, No. 2, 59c; Baltimore, No. 2,

Green Fruits and Vegetables-Apples, brl. fancy, \$1.50a2.00; do, common and small, 75c.a\$1.00; Beets, Native, per bunch, 1a11/2c; Blackberries, per quart, Rochelle, 3a4c; do, Wilsons, 4a4½; Cabbage, Fat Dutch,\$1.50a2.50; Canta-loupes, North Carolina, per crate, 50c. 1.00; do South Carolina per crate, Gems 75c.a\$1.00; do, Anne Arundel, Gems, per basket, 60a75; Carrots, Native, per bunch, 1a11/2c; Corn, per brl, 50c.a\$1.00; Cucumbers, per bushel basket, 30a40c Currants, New York, per 8-lb basket, 5a2oc; Eggplants, per basket, 75a8oc; Huckleberries, per quart, 5a6c; Onions, or drowned in the large potations of cog-nac Monongahela. The secret society was the Loch Earn. Their business was the Ville de Havre. They struck, and the Ville de Havre went under!

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pahannock, per brl. Rose, \$2.25a2.50; do, Chili Rose, per brl. \$2.00a2.25; do, seconds, per brl. \$1.00a1.25; do, East-

Next Best Thing.

Miss Millicent Darlington, who, when

moved to pity as Mr. Smithers stood irresolute, with his hat in his hand. "I hope you will come and see us some of the fire departmenttime," she said, for she didn't know

what else to say.

"But you will be married and will have born to you a beautiful daughter," answered Smithers with much emotion; then I will come and engage as your coachman, and if fortune is with me clope with your daughter.

Then Smithers walked slowly out the yard and toward a monastery.

The Apartment House.

"Where are you ladies going?"
"We are going to give Mrs. Bender a piece of our minds. She is the cause of is being aroused between midnight and We can't stand hearing her husband stumbling upstairs.

"But why don't you go to him?"
"Because she is to blame. If she didn't

The Chip Off the Block.

"I can tell you one thing, Maria. Johnny is like me he will have good staying qualities, anyhow. 'He has them now, John. He'd stay

n bed till noon every day if I'd let him." The Brute Man. Wife-I do wish I could find some-

hing to amuse baby. The Brute-Buy a new carpet and a juart bottle of ink .- Judge.

Dyspepsia In its most aggravated form has been effectu-ally cared with small doses of Crab Orchard

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l'iso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used O. Endsley, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1909. France bought \$809,200 worth of toys

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'Speaking of nothing in particular,' Mr. Smithers proposed, had told him began the information editor, "why is a that she was to wed Mr. Coldcash, was good man like a dose of castor oil?" 'Hard to keep him down," replied the exchange editor. "Why is the new chief

'Good man. Hard to keep him down.

Don't be in a hurry. You've made me lose it. Why-why is the new chief's

"Soit thing? Pudding. Hasty pudding. Of the Musham ilk-" Quit! It isn't a hasty pudding. Been waiting for it nearly half a century. Why is the new chief's job like a doctor's receipted bill?"

"Because it's no sign o' cure. Why s a grain of sand in your eye-That's the old one about the professor in the ladies' seminary. Stuck on the pupil. What is the difference be-

'It isn't an old one. Why is a grain of sand in the eye like calling a man a

"Likely to be the beginning of a bad sprinkle tacks on the stairs he'd take his scrape. What is the difference between

a tornado-'And a college amusement? They're about the same. One's a hurricane and the other's a cane rush. Why is the Chicago City Railway—"
"It's in league with 'L.' What's the

difference between an ice dealer and a cashier at a department store? 'That's too easy. One gives you

short weight and the other gives you a long wait. Why is a city council like an acre of cockle burrs?"

"Bad lot. Why is a fountain pen—"

"Like a tramp? That's too simple.

How would you go to China overland?" "Take the Q-if you've got the pull. Why is the mercury in a thermome-

"Oh, salivate yourself with it! Why does a soft corn-"Cut it out! Why is a ball of twine-"
"Wind it up, I say!"

Which, in view of the weather and the protests of the innocent bystanders, they proceeded to do.

Marriage by Advertisement.

Marriage by advertisement seems to be much in favor in Vienna. A diligent inquirer has counted no less than 598 matrimonial advertisements in the two leading middle-class papers of that city in the course of a week. It is only the middle classes who arrange their matrimonial affairs in this way, and it is curious to notice that the number of women who advertise is almost equaled by the number of men. The compiler of this ist makes some sad reflections upon the levity and venality of the age. Young men and young women, he says, are no longer ashamed to regard themselves as objects of merchandise which may be put up to the highest bidder.-London



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