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Attacks Purveyor of Suggestive Literature and Immoral Art

STUMBLING BLOCKS OR STEPPING STONES

The International Sunday School Lesson For May 24 I "Unprofitable Servants"--Luke 17: 1-10.

(By William T. Ellis)

Some people are stumbling blocks and some are stepping stones. Some lives help and other lives hinder. The seriousness of being the sort of person whose conduct keeps others from being their best, is dealt with in plain speech by Jesus. His teaching hits squarely at big business, if it is bad business. It indicts the saloonkeeper and the mistress who oppresses her servants. It reaches out to the ostentatious rich who put bitterness into the heart of the poor, and the "Christian" homes which give their servants a distaste for religion. The purveyor of suggestive literature or immoral art or debasing entertainment comes squarely within the range of this terrific attack of the gentle Nazarine.

Things Worse Than Death
"It were well for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble." That is terrific. It bolsters the immemorial belief of society in capital punishment. There are some things worse than death. Jesus, who looked forward to a kingdom of social solidarity, included among these offenses against life and the social order,

Whatever hurts people--and especially the weak, the helpless and the defenseless who have no protectors, except the inevitable truth of God--comes within this sweeping condemnation. The sacredness of life and of human welfare--that passion which burns brightest in the noblest breasts of our time--was lighted by One who had himself been under the harrow of inequitable political, social and religious conditions. We find Jesus arrayed on the side of all who need.

There is a great deal of talk nowadays about "property rights"; and some of it is needed. Every teacher or truth, however, must speak clearly the judgment that weighed in the scale against the rights of life, the rights of property are inconsiderable. Our day sees clearly the worth of human life. In one of his profound papers, "What I Believe and Why," Dr. William Hayes Ward says, in touching upon the puzzle of infinite space and infinite time, "While I believe there are innumerable inhabited worlds, yet if the earth were the only one the service to us on this little world of all radiant heavens would not be unworthy, for I believe that an infant's single will is of more value than the sum of all cosmic forces through all the celestial ages, so much is mind superior to matter."

Caring for the Little Ones
A new and larger and important interpretation of the teaching of Jesus is being given in this generation. There never was such an intense and general solicitude for the "little ones" of life. This is the meaning of the new British law that is changing ancient estates from game preserves for the nobility into small farms for the common folk. The cry of "safety first," which in varied forms is being written into legislation and which holds human life above dividends, is but an echo of this teaching of the Master. Child labor is being driven from the earth even as was slavery, because the Master's mind concerning the "little ones" is becoming world-dominant. The principle is everywhere being accepted, that any business which is not good for all its workers and for all the people, is a bad business, whether it be a cotton mill or a gin mill.

This distinctive principle of the gospel is in our own time coming to have a national application. It is explanation for America's concern for the welfare of Mexico. President Wilson, at the funeral of American sailors slain in Vera Cruz, laid down the new extension of this Christian teaching--namely that a nation may even go to war for the service and help of a needy neighbor. It was this word of

Christ that freed the Congo slaves and recently saved the villagers in Armenia from slaughter by the Kurds. It is making world-protest against the intention of certain heathen powers to exploit China. The formal message of the Master is re-echoing in the social batttery, "Each for all and all for each." Whatever hurts the "least of these" offends Jesus Christ and merits His condemnation.

A Unique Doctrine
In the budget of utterances of Jesus, which make up this Sunday School lesson, there are four distinct messages. The first deals with stumbling blocks and helpers. The second touches upon the unique Christian teaching, which differentiates it from other religions, that men should forgive one another. Retaliation was the rule of the world in which Jesus lived. The mosaic doctrine of "an eye for an eye" works out in the Arabs' blood feud and in all the ancient world, which still maintains the ideals that were common in Christ's day. But He came bidding men to forgive a penitent brother.

There is no mushiness or muddymindedness about this. The clear word of Christ is that an impenitent offender is to be rebuked. The preacher or teacher who has not the courage to condemn sin, has no credentials from Christ. But when a brother has repented, then he is to be forgiven. Yes, and forgiven again and again; for the kingdom cannot come--there cannot be a harmonious social order--until the principle of forgiveness and forbearance permeates it. By the forgiveness that we expect of God, Jesus abjures us to forgive our brethren.

A Prayer for the Times
Some persons remember Moody chiefly in terms of his great sermon on faith, and his voice still echoes in memory as he repeats this passage, "Increase our faith." This is the third message of Christ, set apart for the day's study. In the face of materialism, of reckless speculation, of arrogant worldly-wisdom, our day needs to pray "Lord increase our faith." More than we need bigger incomes or lower prices for food, or juster laws, we need to-day an accession of faith in a living God who is over all, and to whom every man is accountable. A nation's spiritual heritage is its greatest asset. The development of the Godward side of our life will make for real power and prosperity. A people strong in their hold upon heaven will not fail in meeting the exigencies of their own times.

After All and After All
Men cannot square accounts with God. After his best has been done,

he still will not have earned heaven. At the end of all his labors, the man with the clearest vision is ready to pronounce himself, as in this parable, "an unprofitable servant." We are dependent upon the mercy of God. We cannot work our passage to heaven. The heathen try to lay up merit, but even they know that their labor is vain. This passage has been phrased by Peloubets notes as "the duty of doing more than our duty." It is at once an exhortation against spiritual pride and self-complacency and a reminder that the goal which we all seek is so far beyond men's power to earn, that it is wholly the gift of the grace of God. The saintliest and most serviceable lives are readiest at the end to cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Brethren in Christ Ordain Foreign Missionaries With Impressive Ceremonies

Lebanon, Pa., May 22.--Ministerial and lay delegates of the Brethren in Christ of the United States and Canada, in annual conference at Fairlark, this county, opened the convention at 8 o'clock yesterday morning in order to complete the work of the week before Saturday evening. It had been hoped to adjourn on Friday evening, but that plan has been abandoned. Missionary work occupied most of the sessions. With impressive ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eyster, of Thomas, Okla., and Daniel O. Lenker, of San Francisco, Cal., were ordained as foreign missionaries, and they will leave for the African missionary field later this year. Mr. and Mrs. Eyster are native Pennsylvanians and have been connected with the home missionary department in Oklahoma for some years.

A source of gratification to the conference was the reports from the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, which was instituted four years ago in a dwelling at Harrisburg, and which is now established in its own quarters at Grantham, Cumberland county, with an institution capable of accommodating 100 rooming students. The enrollment has grown from 12 to 91 and great work is being done.

The credit for the progress of the school was given to S. R. Smith, known throughout the State as a noodle and macaroni manufacturer, who, as president of the institution, not only contributed his time gratis, but made large donations of money to the support of the school. Enis H. Hess, as secretary and treasurer, made the report.

MYERSTOWN APPROVES LOAN

Special to The Telegraph

Lebanon, Pa., May 22.--At Tuesday's election the voters of the borough of Myerstown voted on the project to float a loan of \$25,000 for a new school building, and the project carried by a vote of 240 to 30. The plans are already arranged and the actual building will start as soon as the financial arrangements are completed.

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