

SECRET SOCIETIES.

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

WHY SILENCE IS SOMETIMES BEST.

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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, xiv, 9. "Discover not a secret and thou shalt not be a secret to another."

Solomon had a very large domestic circle. In his earlier days he had very confidential associates and many of them were of the same name as he.

By the power of a secret divulged families, churches, neighborhoods, nations, clubs, secret societies, political movements and Christian enterprises may be advanced.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments for August 4.

Subject: Abram and Lot, Gen. xiii, 1-15; Golden Text, Matt. vi, 12-15; Verses, 7-9-Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "Up out of the Egypt." In the language of the Jew the direction to Jerusalem from every quarter was upward; besides, Egypt was a low-lying country and the traveler would have to ascend on his way to the hilly country of Canaan.

2. "Very rich." Abram and Lot had both been greatly prospered and were very rich. The property of these times did not consist in flocks only, but also in silver and gold.

3. "Even to Bethel." Abram returns to the place of his altar in Bethel. In like manner Christian settlements cluster around their churches.

4. "Called on—the Lord." This implies more than an ordinary prayer; he re-established public worship; he re-occupied. It means plain that Lot was from the very beginning a home onward rather by Abram's influence and example than by his own faith in God.

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6. "Not able to bear them." Their flocks and herds had grown too numerous to find pasture there. An inability, moreover, of a moral kind was upon them.

7. "A strife." The occasion of their quarrel was their flocks. The strife originated in the scarcity of herbage for the subsistence of their flocks.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

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Scripture Verses—Ps. cxlvi, 4; Prov. xvii, 12; xxii, 4; Matt. v, 15; xviii, 14; xxiii, 12; Luke i, 48, 52; xviii, 3; Phil. ii, 9, 11; Jas. iv, 10; Peter v, 6.

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Many Christians at the present time could truly say to God, "Some of self and some of thee," and that is the reason why their lives are so joyless and powerless.

Our Savior hath told you, the seed that would grow. Into earth's dark bosom must fall—Must pass from the view and die away.

No pain suffered, nor service rendered, nor work done for Christ is lost. The poorer we become for Him, the richer we shall grow. The more we forget ourselves, the more will He remember us.

EFWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS August 4—"Gaining By Losing." Mark x, 28-30.

The soul builds the secret of values. The ministries of commerce, schools, civilization, and all devices of human genius are of no avail, unless in some way they contribute to the furnishing of the soul.

Self-sufficiency is always insufficient. Peter said, "We have left all." What had Peter left? "Only a few old boats and fishhooks. It was infinite gain to Peter when he lost his self-interest. But he did not lose that rate from me."

Gain and Loss.—The acquisition of good is the only real gain. Possessions that hurt the soul impoverish. The wealth of the world is rubbish when balanced against the soul.

Hard Lines.—When their first son was born Adam is thought by some critics to have remarked not without much acerbity: "Red hair! Wouldn't that jar you?"

It Pays to Be Amiable.—"What do you do," asked the one who had been married only a few months, "when your husband comes home late at night?"

The Good Man.—Mr. Goodart—Why don't you endeavor to convert Mr. Badden? Rev. Farrassy—I don't like him.

Horror of Journalism.

"Speaking of nothing in particular," began the information editor, "why is a good man like a dose of castor oil?"

"Soft 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?"

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

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

Music in the Kitchen.—Mr. Housekeeper—My dear, here are a couple of new songs I want to teach Bridget to sing. Mrs. Housekeeper—What nonsense!

Didn't Love Her.—She's (petulantly)—I don't see why you should hesitate to get married on £600 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that.

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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 that city in the course of a week.

Next Best Thing.—Miss Millicent Darlington, who, when Mr. Smithers proposed, had told him that she was to wed Mr. Coldcash, was moved to pity as Mr. Smithers stood irrationally, with his hat in his hand.

It requires no experience to dye with FERRIS' PEARLESS DYE. Simply boiling your goods in the dye is all that is necessary.

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet, it makes tight or new shoes easy. Cures swollen, hot, sweating, itching feet.

Best for the Bowels.—No matter what ailments you have, no matter how long you have been suffering, you can get relief by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Dispepsia.—In its most aggravated form has been effectively cured with small doses of Crab Orchard Water.

Scientists say the sun is moving farther away from the earth. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children's teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic.

Smiths' Asthma-Hay Fever Cured by Dr. Taft's Asthmalene. "What do you do," asked the one who had been married only a few months, "when your husband comes home late at night?"

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Hair Splits

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for thirty years. It is elegant for a hair dressing and for keeping the hair from splitting at the ends."

Hair-splitting splits friendships. If the hair-splitting is done on your own head, it loses friends for you, for every hair of your head is a friend.

Sick Headache? Food doesn't digest well? Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? Tongue coated? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills; they cure dyspepsia, biliousness.

Want your complexion or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE FOR THE BEARD. Sold by Druggists, or by R. P. Hall & Co., 120 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Crab Orchard Water yields to nature's medicine. It is the most approved form has been effectively cured with small doses of Crab Orchard Water.

Agents Wanted for the Brohard Sash Lock and Brohard Door Holder. Active workers everywhere can earn big money by steady effort.

Wills Pills—Biggest Offer Ever Made. For only 10 cents you will get a box of Wills Pills, the best medicine on earth.

Stark Trees best by Test—77 YEARS. Stark Bros., Louisiana, Mo.; Greenville, Ala. DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY: a new and reliable method of curing dropsy.

McIlhenry's Tabasco. The Sauce that made West Point famous. Use Certain Cough Cure. It Pays to Advertise in This Paper.

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