SECRET SOCIETIES.

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

WHY SILENCE IS SOMETIMES BEST.

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mon. in my text, deplores voiability about affairs that do not belong to us and extols the virtue of secret veness. By the power of a secret divulged fam-lies, churches, neighborhoods, nations, fy spart. By the power of a secret kept charties, socialities, reformatory move-ments 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 dis charge of a gun scatter a flock of quails or by the plunge of an anchor send spart the denizens of the sea, but they will gather themselves together again. If you by some new power could break the asso-ciations in which men now stand, they would again adhere. God meant it so. He has gathered all the flowers and shiruls 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 each other in the dew. the dew.

will find them talking to each other in the dew. You sometimes see a man with no out-branchings of sympathy. His nature is cold and hard, like a ship's mast ice glazed, which the most agile sailor could never elimb. Others have a thousand roots and a thousand branches. Innum-erable tendrils climb their hearts and blos-som all the way up, and the fowls of heaven sing in the branches. In conse-quence of this tendency we find men com-ing together in tribes, in communities, in churches, in societies. Some gather to-gether to cultivate the arts, some to plan for the welfare of the state, some to dis-cuss religious themes, some to kindle their mith, some to advance their craft. So sociations 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 hill a long sermon against secret societies. Here we find the oft-discussed question whether ussociations that do their work with closed doors and adout their men-bers by passwords and greet each other with a secret grip are right or wrong. I answer that it depends entirely ou the nature of the object for which they meet. Is it to pass the hours in revely, wassail, blasphemy and obscene talk or to plot provel to the state or to debauch the in-nocent, then I say with an emphasis that on man can mistake. "No?" But is the object the defense at relies or the plot and the object for which they meet. nocent, then I say with an emphasis that no. man can mistake. "No!" But is the object the defense of the rights of any class against oppression, the improvement of the mind, the enlargement of the heart, the advancement of art, the defense of the Government, the extirpation of crime or the kindling of a pure hearted sociality, then I say with just as much emphasis, "Yes." <text><text><text><text><text> the dealt with as the committee thinks proper. The any Christian wile rejoice when her humanic consectates evenings to the serv-ice of humanity and of God or anything elevating, but let no man sacrifice home into to moret society life, as many do. T can paint out to you a great many do. T they are as genial as angels at the society rooms and as ugly as an at home. They are generous on all subjects of wine sup-purs suchts and fine horses, but they are stings about their wives' dresses and the children's shoes. This man has made that which might be a heathing influence a supper of his affections, and he has mar-ried, it, and he to guilty of more logarety.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL August 4 .- "Gaining By Losing." Mark International Lesson Comments For Augu t 4.

Subject: Abram and Lot, Gen. xiii., 1-18--Golden Text, Matt. vil., 12-Memory Verses, 7-9--Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "Up out of 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 traveier would have to ascend on his way to the hilly country of Canaan. "Into the south." Not the south of Egypt, but the southern region of Palestine. A certain part of the country was called the south before the times of the patriarchs." A "Yery rich. "Abram and Lot had both the property of these times did not wave property, if well managed, is an ornament to piety, and opportunity of doing south the place of his altar in Bethel. In like property, if well managed, is an ornament to piety, and opportunity of doing south the place of his altar in Bethel. In like property of his altar in Streng can start of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in Streng can sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the sate of the place of his altar in the sate of the place of the sate of the s

Between better and Hat. Stanley well describes this point as a conspicuous hid, its topmost summit resting on the rocky slopes, and distinguished by its olive groves offering a natural base for the al-tar, and a fitting shade for the tent of the

patriarch. 4. "Called on-the Lord." This im-

"Called on-the Lord." This in-pless more than an ordinary prayer; he re-established public worship.
"Went with Abram." It seems plain that Lot was from the very beginning borne onward rather by Abram's infu-ence and example than by his own faith in God.
"Not able to bear thems." "Their flocks and herds had grown too numerous to find pasture there. An inability, more-over, of a moral kind may be implied." "Substance was great." As their flocks should increase also, as from those flocks should increase also, as from those flocks should increase also, as from those flocks they derived their clothing, food and drink. Many also were offered in sacrifice to God.
"A strile." The occasion of their cuarrel was their rinkes. The quantel orig-tanted in the assessing.

7. "A strife." The occasion of their cuarrel was their riones. The quartel originated in the scarcity of berbage for the subsistence of their flocks, "and in their excitates for the possession of the wells, or fountains of water, which in that rocky, and region have a value unknown to the inhabitants of a country like ours." "Dwell then in the land." The Perizites are not mentioned in the table of nations. Chap. 10. Their origin is obscure. The Cananites were the original occupants of the soil.

Langanities were the original occupants of the soil. 8. "Abram said." He first let Lot tabe his choice, and then left God to choose for him. This was heavenly wisdom. This is what faith ever does: it allows God to fix its inheritance, and is always satisfied with the portion which God gives. "No strife."

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CERISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

28-30.

Scripture Verses-Ps calla. 4: Prov Scriptule: xxii, 4; Matt. v. 5; xviii, 8 4; xxiii, 12; Luke I, 48, 52; xviii, 14; Phil, ii, 9 11; Jas. iv. 10; Peter v. 6. Lesson Thoughts. We can have only one life-a selfish.

sinful, worldly life, which is ours by nature; or a "life hid with Christ in God." We cannot have both, but we may begin the latter at once by the death of the former.

In the business world transactions are sometimes made with actual loss to the merchant, in the hope of result ng future gain which will more than balance the loss. The eternal gain of heaven may be purchased by the sacrifice of the short pleasure that the world may offer. Selections.

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. But when a Chris-tian has reached the stage where he can say to his Lord, "None of self, but all of thee," then it is that his soul will be flooded with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory, and a divine power will be made manifest in his life to all those that come into ontact with him.

It is not hard to see, as other lives are studied, that blessedness entered them in proportion to the fulness of the surrender, just as the sunlight floods a room according to the number of the windows that are ready to receive it.

Our Savior bath told you, the seed that would grow, Into earth's dark bosom must fall-

Must pass from the view and did away. And then will the fruit appear;

The grain that seems lost in the earth below

Will return many fold in the car. By death comes life, by loss come gain.

The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain!

No pain suffered, nor service render ed, 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.

FWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS

Au-ust 4 .- "Gaining By Losing." Mark x. 28-30.

The soul holds 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 insuffic ient. 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 selfishness. But he did not lose that till he found Jesus. That discovery made him rich. For it made him an helr to God.

Gain and Loss.—The acquisition of good is the only real gain. Possessions that hart the soul impoverish. The wealth of the world is rubbish when balanced agains; the soul, When he dies a man cannot take with him what he has, but only what he is, Empty-handed he came; empty hand-ed he must go. Better starve the body and feed the soul than to feed the body and starve the soul. Better lose gold and land than to lose God and eternal life. It is not easy to exchange the scen for the unseen. But that is the condition of wealth. It is bite racket any more unless you carry the snake to the drug store and let him the road one student must travel to culture. He pays the visible, mater-ial dollar tor the invisible, immaterial bite you in the presence of a commit tee!-Puck. Idea, If he gains culture he part y ... cold. If he secures high onors he must give up low pleasures The whole process of education is a process of giving up.' It is giving the inferior to gain the superior. God's plan always pays, no matter what it This gem from Thomas G. Selby Illustrates the true principle of "gain-ing by losing:" "The mountain streams of a certain district in Central Asia are charged after heavy rains with little diamonds, and the natives of the country are accustomed to put on straw sandals and wade in the streams. The little diamonds are caught by their rough edges in the plaits of the sandals, and the sandals are then burned, and the little points of etherealied sunlight are picked up out of the ashes. Now, the man tempted to perpetual grunnling at the waste of shoes would be quite unworthy of the treasure gathered by the operation. No possessor of common sense would count one or a hundred pairs of grass sandals against these little bits of choice cherished

Horrors of Jonrhalism. "Speaking of nothing in particular," began the information editor, "why is a good man like a dose of castor oil?" "Hard to keep him down," replied the exchange editor. "Why is the new chief of the fire department..." Marriage by Advertisements. Marriage by advertisement scems to be much in favor in Vienna. A diligent in-quirer has counted no less than 508 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 are the sonly the

Marriage by Advertisement.

Next Best Thing.

Miss Millicent Darlington, who, when dr. Smithers proposed, had told him

"I hope you will come and see us some me," she said, for she didn't know

"then I will come and engage as your coachman, and if fortune is with me

It requires no experience to dye with Per-sast FanzLess Dyrs. Simply boiling your goods in the dye is all that is necessary. Hold by all druggists.

The man who reduces salaries is a sort

From a cliff 1000 feet high one with clear vision can see a ship at a distance of forty-two miles.

Ludies Can Wear Shoes

A sugar-coated compliment is often hard to swallow.

Rest For the Bowels.

The lawyer believes in words, but the

The man who stutters knows all about the parts of speech.

Dyspepsia

John Silence married Mary Peace in a Kansas town the other day.

See advt. of SMITHDEAL'S BUSINESS COLLEGE

Scientists say the sun is moving farther away from the carth.

bire. Winslow's Southing Syrap for children tething, soften the gums, reduces inflamma-tice, aliays pain, cures wind colic, 25: a bottle

It seems queer that bad habits grow strongest on the weakest man.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used

France bought \$809,200 worth of toys of Germany in 1990.

for all affections of throat and lungs.--W O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

cal estate man is known by his deeds.

Then Smithers walked slowly out the

clope with your daughter.

of revenue cutter.

yard and toward a monastery.

Chronicle.

time.

leading middle-class papers of that city in the course of a week. It is only the middle classes who arrange their matri-monial affairs in this way, and it is curi-ous to notice that the number of women who advertise is almost equaled by the number of men. The compiler of this list 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 hidder.--London Chroniele. Good man. Hard to keep him down.

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

"Soft thing? Pudding. Hasty pud-ding. 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 doc-tor's receipted bill?" "Because it's no sign of ours. Why

'Because it's no sign o' cure. Why

"That's the old one about the profes-sor in the ladies' seminary. Stuck on the pupil. What is the difference be-

Mr. Smithers proposed, had told him that she was to wed Mr. Coldcash, was moved to pity as Mr. Smithers stood ir-resolute, with his hat in his hand. "It isn't an old one. Why is a grain sand in the eye like calling a man a iar?

"Likely to be the beginning of a bad rape. What is the difference between tornado--" what else to say. "But you will be married and will

have born to you a beautiful daughter," answered Smithers with much emotion;

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 long wait. Why is a city council like an acre of cockle burrs?" "Bad lot. Why is a lountain pen..." "Like a tramp? That's too simple. How would you go to China overland?" "Take the Q...i you've got the pull. Why is the mercury in a thermome-ter..."

"Oh,' salivate yourself with it! Why

does a soft corn—" "Cut it out! Why is a ball of twine—" "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. One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or new shoes casy. Cures swollen, hot, sucat-ing, aching feet, ingrowing nails, corns and bunions. At all drug tists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FIEE by mail. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Apartment House

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

"But why don't you go to him?" "Because she is to blame. If she didn't prinkle tacks on the stairs he'd take his

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Bridget to sing. Mrs. Housekeep-What nonseuse! Mr. Housekeep-Not at all. If she must sing at her work, let's stop those doleful tunes of hers. Now these are lively, and if she keeps time to them she'll get through her work quickly, FITS permanently cured, No fils or norvous-ness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer, \$2 trial bottle and treatise free Dr. B. H. KLINE, Ltd., 731 Arch St., Phile, Pa

The First. When their first son was born Adam is thought by some critics to have re-marked not without much acerbity.

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"Red hair! Wouldn't that jar you?" "Well. I'm not presenting you with any gold-headed Cains, if I know my-seli!" retorted Eve. affecting indiffer-ence, alheit secretly mortified to death. -Puck -Puck.

Didn't Love Her. She (petuiantly)-I don't see why you

should hesitate to get married on £600 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that. He-But, my darling, we must have

something to cat. "Oh, William! Always thinking of your stomach!"

Hard Lines.

Drummer-It is pretty hard to get a Rev. H. P. Carson, Scotland, Dak., says: "Two hottles of Hall's Catarrh Care complete-y cured my little girl." Sold by Druggist, 75c drink in this town, isn't it? Landlord (Kansas hotel)-You bet. Why, you can't even work the snake-

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LABOR WORLD.

There are 37,543 postoffice employes in London.

Machinists at Peoria, Ill., have declared their strike off.

'The Cigarmakers' International Union now has a membership of 34,-000. Three thousand threshers in Illinois

have organized a Protective Associa-Carpenters in Massachusetts have generally obtained an eight-hour day

without a strike. About 209 of the employes of the Illinois Central Railroad have just

been retired on pensions. The strike of the 3500 union fisher-men against the fifty salmon canneries on the Fraser River, B. C., has been settled.

Labor Commissioner Wright places he number of idle men in the United states who hre willing to work at

More than 2000 workers in the Na-mal Tube Works, at McKeesport, ann., have joined the Amalgamated More th enn., have

Telephone operators in Columbus, Ohio, have had their salaries raised twenty per cent and the workday reduced to nine hours.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Signs of a car famine are now manifest in the West. German tariffs are to be raised by the new law to satisfy the agrari-

ans The new directory shows that Chi-cago has more than 2,000,000 inhabitants

Virginia Prohibitionists have nomin-ated O. C. Rucker, of Bedford, for Governor.

An order to cut municipal expenses has been given in every department at Chicago.

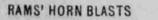
The Spanish Chamber of Deputies has adopted without debate an ap-propriation for the purchase of quickfring guns.

A stamp duty of \$20,000 has been baid to the British Treasury on Car-negie's \$10,000,000 gift to the Scotuniversitie

Disorder and lawlessness have great-y increased in Pekin since the polle-ng of the city was restored to the chiuese authorities.

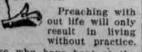
The British Admiralty bave just ordered fifty-fo r sets of wirsless tele-graphy gear, to be made according to their own specifications and system.

stones." So we can afford to lose the staff and sandals that helped us on our pil-grim way if thereby we gain the scepter, throne and crown





We are disciplined to prayer by our distres-Ses.



Only those who have bent at the creas shall be raised to the throne.

There may be charity without love out there cannot be love without charity.

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There are no heavenly charlots to those who have not run as God's footmen.

You can never rule with profit till you have learned to submit with patience

A man's interest in the church will depend on the amount of principle he has in it.

A book of plans is a good thing to build a house by but a poor thing to build it out of.

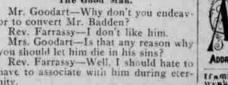
The buman animal has neither horns nor tusks and doesn't miss them since it has a tongue.

Some Christians imagine that they prove themselves to be of the tree of life by their bark.

You cannot kick and haul at the



The Good Man.





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