

than this was never given to any class of persons, and it is difficult to fix on one that is more frequently forgotten. How many a weary soul has languished in a sick chamber simply because the elders of the Church *have not been sent for!* Good Christian people do not know what grief they cause their pastor by keeping him ignorant of their sickness till weeks have elapsed. It may be said that he "ought to have called, or found out." But that is not in the Bible. It is in the Bible "*call for the elders of the Church.*"

I am sure that a considerate attention to so excellent a rule would, in all our churches, do much to bind us together more tenderly in the bonds of brotherly interest. Let us do our part.

SERMON BY MR. MOODY.

I am going to take to-night a man for my text. And it is this man I have just been reading about in the fifth chapter of II Kings. We have read here that he was a great man; but he was a leper. He was a successful general; but he was a leper. He was a mighty man of valour; but he was a leper. That spoiled it all. He was a man that the king delighted to honour; but he was a leper, and there he was. Did you ever stop to think for a moment that leprosy of the body is not anything compared with the leprosy of the soul? And I would a great deal rather have leprosy of the body than the leprosy of the soul; for there is no way of getting rid of the leprosy of the soul. Sin has done a great deal more mischief in this world than leprosy. This leprosy had thrown a blank over that man's home. You can see what sadness, what remorse and what gloom settled down on his brow, as he walked around among his friends. There was one individual telling him he was a leper. Perhaps a great many shrank from him and kept out of his society. Although he was a man the king delighted to honour, yet he was a leper, and that spoiled it all. And oh! what a cloud of darkness and sorrow sin has thrown across this earth. It was pure till sin came into it, to be sure. But now look at the tears that are flowing down about us, like rivers flowing to the sea, on account of sin. Sin has not only brought crime into this world; but it caused rebellion in heaven. It caused the angels to lie and fall. How many homes are dark and desolate to-night on account of sin. There is one thing I want to tell you about this man. He wanted to get rid of the leprosy. And I never saw a man in my life that wanted to get rid of the leprosy of sin but that if he tried he soon got rid of it. I hope to-night there is a great many that will follow the example of this man, and will be in earnest in getting rid of the leprosy of the soul. A man high in position, a man that held the position this man did, seemingly was the very last man to be influenced by that little Hebrew maid, a little captive that he had taken up there from the land of Palestine and brought into his home; and I can seem to hear her say one day, when she is waiting upon Mrs. Naaman, and perhaps the wife of Naaman had taken to telling the little girl how she was troubled and how her heart was troubled on account of her husband, because of that terrible disease. It might be eating off the ends of his fingers; it might be eating out his eyes. We cannot tell what part of the body it was in; but there it was. We cannot tell what part of the body it had eaten away. There it was, a constant companion, and that wife was troubled; perhaps more than the general himself. And the child told her of the great prophet that was in Samaria; and perhaps for the first time in the life of that noble wife hope came up in her heart. She says: "Do you know of any one in Samaria that can heal the leprosy?" And she gave answer: "I cannot say that I have known of any one being cured of the leprosy; but that is nothing to what he has done. Why, he has raised one from the dead and he has gone into the grave and brought him back. The leprosy is nothing for him to cure, and if my lord and master was up there in Samaria I am sure Elisha could do it. The prophet could do it. He has mighty power with our God, the God of