

the language of the twentieth century as well as in that of the millenniums which are gone. Elisha says: "How are you? How is your husband? How is your child?" To speak literally he said: "Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?" Now, I am going to accost you with only one of the questions with which Elisha greeted this mother. I am going to inquire from you as to the welfare of your babies, of the boys and the girls. We are both parents, and so in this "Home Greeting" I say: "How is it with the children? Is it well with the child?" Are you ready here and now to answer this important salutation?

How is the child physically? Is it well with his lungs and heart and stomach? Is he growing arlight? Is he taking enough exercise? Is he eating the proper kind of food? This is not a superfluous question. This is the salutation which Elisha gave to the Shunammite woman. This is the question which every father and mother should be able to answer intelligently. The picture of every true, loving parent ought to be that which I saw in an advertisement some years ago. There in a crib lay a beautiful child. The cheek was aglow. The eyes were laughing. The lips were parted as though he was cooling with joy. And over him bent the sweet face of a loving mother, while under this picture were the words, "A mother's love goes out for the health of her child." Does your love thus go out? How is your child physically? Is it well with him?

It is not sufficient for us as parents to simply say, "It is not well with the child," as though the child was responsible for all his physical weaknesses. There is many a child a physical weakling to-day merely because the parent does not know the first law of hygiene and is no more competent to take care of the child physically than I am competent to remove a cataract from a blind man's eye with a surgeon's knife. Some years ago when I was traveling through the Holy Land I came to a little village between Lake Galilee and Damascus. No sooner did I arrive there than the news spread. "An American has come?" What was