

that the tiny rootlets may derive proper nourishment from the soil, we keep it mellow by constant loosening up. Thus we leave it to mature when we harvest and house it for our future maintenance. The loom must be in perfect condition or else the cloth will be imperfectly woven. And the manufacturer carefully scans each piece, throwing those aside that are imperfect, before he places his goods on the market.

The ship must be pronounced seaworthy ere she can embark on her voyage. The locomotive is carefully inspected while undergoing construction that there be no flaws in its mechanism to cause the loss of life later.

We need only to note with what vigilance the Boards of Health of our cities have worked to keep all cholera germs rooted out. How every means is resorted to, to keep the fever from spreading throughout our southern States. Thus all the time we are rooting out such plants as are destructive to life, health and prosperity. Alas! too often in doing these we neglect the plants to which Jesus has reference when he says, "Every plant which my Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted out." "It is not that which goeth into the mouth that defileth man, but that which cometh out; that which goeth into the mouth nourisheth the body, but that which cometh out, cometh from the heart." These are evil thoughts followed by evil actions. The plant known as "The Light" or "The Guiding Star" is small and tender, and we need to exert constant care and watchfulness over ourselves, else it becomes overgrown with plants that leadeth not to the Father. In our Discipline we are cautioned against tale-bearing and detraction. They remind me of those two persistent plants in our gardens, known as pursely and chickweed, when once rooted they keep on and on. We are too often ready to listen to something which detracts another in our estimation. We so often are ready to repeat and repeat, till like

those weeds, they have assumed wonderful proportions. Our text does not intend that we shall root out evil for ourselves alone, but we must help others to see the right. Help to raise a fallen brother, work to root out the temptations that are around him and teach him to find the path of righteousness. A plant called intemperance, resulting in excessive use of alcoholic stimulants is vigorous in its growth, and far reaching in its work of destruction. It forms a basis for many other plants of besetting sin. Murder, theft, and gambling, poverty and ruin, are only a few belonging to its family. Surely, this is no plant of our Father's planting? Then *root* it out. Make His garden an Eden.

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#### PHILANTHROPIC STUDY IN LOBO F. D. SCHOOL.

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The question, "How do you carry on your philanthropic study in connection with your F. D. School work?" has often been asked, and I have been requested to explain *how* through the REVIEW. Two years ago now, we organized for the purpose by dividing the work into four branches, under the four primary captions, viz., Temperance, Impure Literature, Peace and Arbitration, and Prison Reform. Connected with each of these were one or two as secondary subjects. We selected four secretaries to have charge, one of each division, whose duty it was to have prepared a proper programme for each meeting. The school was divided into four parts, each secretary choosing a part, and each division being responsible for its particular meeting. The meetings are held upon the last First-day of each quarter. As one hour is not sufficient, we meet in the afternoon on that day, and the time occupied is about two hours. The programme consists of sentiments, readings, recitations, essays or papers, addresses and discussions, all bearing upon those subjects of philanthropic work chosen for the day. These meetings have