

MEDDLERS IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS

Dr. Talmage Scores the Busy-Body and Scandal-Monger--All Have a Mission of Kindness and Help.

Washington reports: In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows how we should interest ourselves in the affairs of others for their benefit, but never for their damage; text, I Peter, IV, 15: "A busybody in other men's matters."

ask them where they are hurt, and apply living medicine.

Hear it. You can go busybodying in other men's matters the better if you have design of doing good. Search out the quarrels, that you may lift them, the pangs, that you may assuage them, the you are with two bottles of medicine, the one a tonic and the other an anesthetic, the latter to soothe and quiet, the former to stimulate and exhilarate.

If you are rightly interested in other men's matters, go to those who are just starting in their occupations or professions and give them a boost. Those old physicians do not want your help, for they are surrounded with more patients than they can attend to.

Go forth to be a busybody in other men's matters, so far as you can help them out, and help them on. The world is full of instances of those who spend their lives in alleviations, but there is one instance that overtops and eclipses all others. He had lived in a palace. Radiant ones waited upon him. He was charioted along streets yellow with gold, and stopped at gates glistening with pearls.

Centuries gave him not a grain of salt. The sun and moon never set. His dominions could not be enlarged, for they had no boundaries, and unconquered was his reign. Upon all that justly adorned his environment of splendors he turned his back and put down his crown at the feet of a poor man.

How is it that you can always find two opinions about any one and those two opinions exactly opposite? I will tell you the reason. It is because there is a best side and the worst side, and the best side and the worst side, and the best side and the worst side, and the best side and the worst side.

There is no denying that Peruvian bark is as bad as his bile. There is a Sunday conscience as well as a Sunday coat, and those who make religion a secondary concern put the coat and conscience carefully by to put on only once a week, but yet will never see it in the world, but whom I expect to meet at the bar of God and hope to see in the blessed heaven.

What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities! Addison, who was a great man, when a dog gasps and breathes hard, it may be due to the fact that his pants don't fit him.

It is not wisdom but ignorance that teaches men presumption. Genius may sometimes be arrogant, but nothing is so different as knowledge. A woman with a headache can show a haughty demeanor, but she has to limp when her shoes hurt--Emma Carleton.

A jack-knife is a bad thing to monkey with--but not as bad as a jack-pot. Great riches have sold more men than they have bought--Bacon.

Shun the inquisitive, for you will be sure to find him leaky. Open ears do not keep conscientiously what has been intrusted to them, and a word once spoken flies, never to be recalled--Horace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Jesus and Nicodemus--John 3:1-21. Commentary. --Connecting Links. "After Jesus left Bethsaida he journeyed north up the Jordan valley to Galilee, and over the mountains to Caesarea Philippi, where He was present at a wedding, and wrought His first miracle, turning the water into wine. Thence with His mother and His brethren He went down to Capernaum, about twenty miles to the northwest on the sea of Galilee, where He remained a few days.

1. Of the 14 miracles--A very strict and logical set of the Jews. They were crucifixion and believed in the immortality of the soul and a future state. They laid great stress upon their traditions, esteeming them as of the same value as the Scriptures.

2. Came to Jesus by night--The act of cleaning the temple had brought Christ into prominence. The plain inference is, also, that He had performed another miracle not mentioned in the Bible writers. He came privately, by night, "as an act of prudence and discretion."

3. Verily, verily, I express the truth and unchanging validity of what was about to be spoken. "This was considered of equal import with the new nature, new principles, new affections, new aims. It is being made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Kingdom of God--The kingdom of grace here and of glory hereafter.

4. How can these things be?--He could not meet a foreigner and have but He broke up the procession and gave him back to his widowed mother. With spite on the tip of his finger he turned the Jews and their total blindness into the midnoon of perfect sight.

5. We-Eldersheim thinks that in all probability St. John was present during this entire interview. Do not speak with the greatest possible assurance. Not upon hearsay but from personal knowledge. Ye receive not our witness--They received His miracles as genuine, yet refused to accept the spiritual things which He taught. "Ye" is always plural and this is spoken with reference to the class to which Nicodemus belonged.

6. The serpent--Num. xxi. 4-9. "The history of the brazen serpent is a parallel to the gospel. So long as man is lifted up--1. In his crucifixion. 2. In his exaltation. 3. In the publishing and preaching of His everlasting gospel--Dickens.

7. Whosoever--Gentiles as well as Jews. Not perish--Not be banished from the presence of God. Have eternal life--Here is a double benefit. 1. Those who believe on Christ are exempted from eternal perdition. 2. They are brought to eternal glory.

8. St. John's love--Such a love could not be cherished by those who were not in it. There is an eternity of meaning in that little word "so."

Market Reports

The Week.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS. Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day: Cash. Jan. Chicago \$0.63-8 New York \$0.75-8

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visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States has decreased 1,389,000 bushels; that of corn has increased 426,000 bushels; that of oats has increased 24,000 bushels.

Chicago, Feb. 1.--Opening--Wheat, May, 86 to 88 1-8c; July, 88 3-4 to 88 1-2c.

Friday--Cold weather; light local snow falls.

Buffalo, Feb. 1.--Spring wheat, No. 1 hard 76, No. 1 northern 75 1-4, Winter wheat, No. 2 red 72, No. 1 white 71 1-2 on track. Corn, No. 2 yellow 37, No. 3 yellow 36 3-4, No. 2 corn 36.

NOTES. Liverpool wheat market was reported firm to-day, with no changes in quotations or in use. Paris wheat and flour quotations were higher.

English farmers' deliveries of wheat this week are 68,300 quarters, and the average price 24s. 1d. for exports for the week aggregate 3,199,312 bushels, against 3,144,578 bushels last week, and 2,928,191 bushels in this week and 2,928,191 bushels in this week and 2,928,191 bushels in this week.

The world's shipments of wheat this week are estimated at 5,600,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 276 cars, as against 254 cars last Saturday and 473 cars a year ago.

Preparations being made at various points in the country widely represent centres of trade and industry, unmistakably point to active operations in different fields of labor during the present year.

There is good promise of business the present year being even more profitable than that of 1899.

Purchasers of spring goods for the retail trade so far have been on a liberal scale, and the presumption is, since wholesalers are busy shipping to all the leading country centres, that there is a general impression of a steady, healthy expansion of business in store for the year.

The demand for spring goods continues to be one of the most active and persistent. It is more persistent now than for many years to find a market at home for shoddy, low-grade, cheap lines.

The weather has interfered somewhat with the movement in dressed hogs and hog product; the prices at the close are a trifle weaker.

There is a scarcity of the best dairy butter, held goods for the bulk of the current receipts; as a result creamery butter is being more freely. Recent British Columbia reports sell of a demand in the coast markets for Ontario butter.

Failures for the week have been 242 in the United States, against 249 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 32 last year.

The U. S. markets for breadstuffs are not active, nor have changes in prices of elevator wheat been of any consequence, but the active market for shovels and a sharp decline in Atlantic continue far below that of last year--in the U. S. 60,325 bushels in 1899, and 122,408 last year--and Pacific territories in the same period were 2,277,591 bushels in 1899, and 1,839,991 last year.

Western receipts were in three weeks only 8,632,182, against 13,005,382 last year. Corn receipts are smaller than last year, by 5,000,000 bushels for the three weeks, while exports have been 10,385,185 bushels, against 9,510,499 last year, and this active movement caused spot quotations to advance.

graduated on Trade. Montreal reports show a fair movement in wholesale trade circles for this season. The indications are that the year will be a good one, and the year will be larger than ever before.

Wools are quieter, but the mills are busy and will doubtless be in the market for a demand in the near future. A good demand for money and rates are firm.

There has been a fair enquiry for staple goods at Hamilton this week, and the prospects for business are generally good. Wool is firmly held, and large lots are now pretty well cleaned up, but buyers are not so keen to purchase as they were a few weeks ago, and are not bidding quite so much. The prospects for the spring trade are good.

Reports of trade at the Coast cities are encouraging. There has been considerable large companies incorporated lately. The spring trade with the mining districts in connection with the opening up of propositions and trade with the northern gold fields is expected to be large.

Business at London has been fair for this season. The retail trade has been good, and travellers out with samples for the spring trade are meeting with good success. The deliveries of grain have not been large lately. Collections are satisfactory.

Both wholesale and retail merchants at Winnipeg report a fair volume of business being done. Travellers are having an easier time of it getting orders for spring goods. The deliveries of grain have been only fair, and collections are slow, but are expected to pick up later in the season.

Toronto merchants report a fair number of orders coming in during the past week. Values continue very firm, and the business in many lines shows a large increase over the same time last year. The unsettled weather this past week has tended to disturb trade conditions to some extent. The demand for money is quite active and rates are unchanged.

Value of Peanut Butter. According to a prominent dealer peanut butter is rapidly becoming an important commercial product. It is made by grinding peanuts very fine and reducing the mass to a paste, from which a large part of the oil is removed. A little salt is then added. Many physicians recognize the nutritional value of this butter. It has all the wholesome qualities of nuts without the fat, and is a very good food. It is excellent for the poor, for it contains quite as much nourishment as ordinary butter and is much less expensive.

For Mange. Here is the simplest, surest and best remedy for mange in cats, and every owner of good cats should know it. Take equal parts, by weight, of lard and sulphur; mix thoroughly; rub on the cat's fur from end of nose to end of tail; they are fully pleased with it. One application is sufficient. They will lick it off day by day, and in less than thirty days you see the effect, and free for safe.

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