

"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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"Go to Work or Resign" G. B. Thompson

God has given to His church but one mission on this earth. Its mission is not simply to feed the sheep, but to change goats into sheep-to save lost souls. This was the supreme mission of Jesus; and the mission of the church is the same, is stated in the words, "To seek and save that which was lost."

The church is the light of the world, and we cannot shut ourselves up to ourselves and meet the mind of God We must bring men to Christ and prepare them for the kingdom of Christ. How can your church become soul-winning? This can be done by the members putting forth earnest, personal efforts for their relatives, friends and neighbors.

The pastor of a Presbyterian Church became very much exercised because there were no conversions in his church. One night he called his elders to meet him in the church, and after prayer, he said: "Brethren, I have a proposition to make to you. I wish to resign the pastorship of this church, because I do not believe God wants me to stay here. I am not having any souls saved."

"Oh," said the deacons, "we are greatly edified!"

"Edified for what?" he said. "You have been coming to me with such soothing compliments as that, and yet I don't see for what you have been edified.

Now, brethren, unless God gives us some souls here very soon, I am going to resign the pastorate of this church. And I want to say something to you also. You are the elders of this church, and I am going to start with you. "Brother." turning to one. "do you believe through you a soul was ever saved?"

And the elder replied, "No, pastor."

"Do you?" to another.

"No, pastor."

"Do you?"

"No, pastor;" and so all along the line.

"Now, brethren," he said, "I want to make this proposition to you-that unless God gives this church souls in the near future, you will resign also as the elders of it."

"We are getting along very well," they said.

"No, we are not getting along at all!"

Finally they all knelt down and prayed together, and in that prayer a covenant was made that they would resign if the Lord did not give souls in the near future. They went to their homes. It was Saturday night.

Monday morning, the elder first questioned by the pastor as to having been instrumental in soul-saving, went into his store. The first man he met was his confidential clerk. He took him into his office, shut the door behind him, and said, "Bob, I have been a good master to you. haven't I?"

"Yes, sir, you have."

"Well, Bob, you have been with me for fifteen years. I am an elder in the church that you attend when you go anywhere. But you are not a Christian, and I know it, and have known it all the while; yet I have never spoken a word to you about salvation. But, Bob, my soul is on fire now, and I want us to get down here in this room and give ourselves, both of us, to Christ. I shall give myself to Him for greater consecration; you give yourself to Him for salvation."

"Yes, sir, I shall be only too glad to do it;" and they knelt. The man was saved. The elder called another, and another, and another; and that one day he led eleven men to Christ. The next Sunday over thirty men were received into that church upon profession of faith, every one of them led to Jesus Christ by an official in the church who up to that time had never saved a soul.

Can you plan a soul-winning campaign in your church? As a leader in the church, this is your work. Having accepted leadership, you cannot escape this responsibility. God will hold you accountable in this matter. Begin to pray, plan, and work for souls as you never have in the Work for your young past. people, neighbors, and for the lost within your reach. Set all the church to work, and you will have the joy of seeing many brought to Christ.

Physical Labor a Necessity

D. H. Kress, M. D., in the Life Boat.

The importance of systematic physical exercise in the maintenance or development of a healthy, vigorous body and mind, is not appreciated as it should be. By the majority, physical work is performed in a mechanical manner, not from choice, but because of necessity.

A young man in New Zealand found fault with the goverment. He complained of the inability A gentleman to get work. stepped up to him and said, "My friend, if you will accompany me I will secure you a job in two hours," to which he replied, "It isn't work I am after, it is money I am after." When work is regarded as mere drudgery and money is the thing men are after, the full benefit that should result from exercise is not gained. The woman at the washtub, laughing and good-natured, is seldom ill. The mother who toils for her loved ones and deems it a pleasure to do so usually keeps well.

The principle laid down in the Bible is one that should be followed: "Let him that stole, steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28. This should be the motive which prompts to The amount of good we work. get out of work depends in a great measure upon the good we see in it, and the amount of mental and physical energy we The wise man said. invest. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10. That is, put your heart into all you do.

Walking, the best of all exercises, may be taken in a listless, aimless way, and very little good be received therefrom. But by aking a brisk walk in the open air, in a cheerful spirit, with shoulders back, head erect, throwing some life into it, expecting some returns for the means of vitality invested, we are never disappointed. The life current flows more freely, and every organ of the body is benefited thereby.

Many go to the seashore or to sanitariums to regain health: some are greatly benefited, others are not; if you should follow the two classes in their treatments you would find that the one class are mere mechanics, they go through the treatments and exercises prescribed in a mechanical way, while the other class make a study of diet and the treatments. By doing so they are able to reason from cause to effect and expect results. They make a business of getting well; they expect much and receive much.

There is something wrong with our education. Honest labor is considered by few an inestimable The Egyptians eviblessing. dently had a wrong conception of labor; for fear lest the children of Israel multiply and become a people more powerful than they, and join their enemies and fight against them, they said, "Let us deal wisely with them." Thinking that hard work was the surest way to cause physical degeneracy and to weaken the race, they placed task-masters over them and afflicted them with the hardest kind of labor. They were sadly disappointed in the results. The record tells us, "But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel." Ex. 1:12.

The good derived from food, or the air inhaled, depends on a good vigorous circulation of the blood. It is the blood that carries life from the food, air, and water, to the different organs and muscles of the body, and it is through the blood the tissues are freed from impurities.

The arm of the blacksmith becomes well developed and strong. By constant exercise the circulation of blood is quickened, and more life is carried to it. Upon the other hand, inaction of any organ will cause a sluggish circulation of the stream of life through it and inevitably results in decrease in its size and strength. Not only does physical exercise build up, develop, and strengthen the muscles, but it also develops the brain. A leg or an arm amputated causes atrophy, or a wasting of that portion of the brain which has tontrolover those muscles. This shows that a well-developed and well-balanced mind depends on a well-developed body, and that physical health and mental strength are intimately associated.

Gladstone's clear-headedness and success as a statesman depended in a large measure upon his systematic physical exercise. We are living in an unfortunate age-an age of specialization. A few years ago only all-round men and women were in demand. Clerks in stores were supposed to handle everything, groceries, clothing, hardwood, machinery, Light and heavy, inside and outside work, were combined. The women did housework, made the clothing for their children. worked in the fields, etc. This variety of labor compelled the use of nearly all the muscles of the body.

Now we have bookkeepers who lean over the desk ten hours each day and handle only the pen; stenographers, who operate only the typewriters; telephone operators; in fact, every one has his specialty. Thus while some muscles and certain cells of the brain are constantly exercised and wear out from overwork, others lie idle and rust out from disuse. This in a great measure accounts for the increase in mental and other diseases and is one of the causes of physical degeneracy.

Work cheerfully engaged in daily in the open air would obviate the necessity of business men to take a prolonged vacation each year in order to keep in health.

Have You Finished?

"I finished reading the Testimonies through last Sabbath." said a young lady a short time ago, "and I am really sorry that I have finished them, as they have been almost companions to me. The plan of Christian living outlined in these books is wonderfully simple, and yet beautifully written. I know I have been strengthened in reading the books. It took me one year, three months, and five days. T have read at all hours. from 4:30 a.m. to midnight, but I believe this has been the most profitable reading of my lifetime. I wantto study now along special lines, but plan to reread the volumes again."

What an excellent testimony on the value of this reading course launched by the Missionary Volunteer Department Jan. 1, 1918. Others, too, have expressed themselves in a similar way about the reading of these precious volumes. We have already received the names of several who are entitled to the gift book promised to those who complete the nine volumes in two years or less. There are yet a few months before the first two-year period is up. Have you finished the 4,812 pages in the Testimonies? If not, can you do so by January 1, 1920?

One of our young people recently purchased a set of the Testimonies, bound in red leather. He had always wanted them. but had thought it to be too great an expense. "You can't imagine how rich I felt when I left the Tract Society with my four leather-bound treasures under my arm," he said, in telling a friend of the experience. "I wouldn't take any price for those books if I knew I couldn't secure another set. Everything I read in them seems to have been written especially for me."

If you haven't yet commenced the systematic reading of the Testimonies, begin today. Read carefully and prayerfully. As some new ray of light shines across your pathway, walk in it, and you will find that God will daily reveal new light to you. Next to the Bible these volumes will help you more in your daily Christian living than any other books in the world. Can youafford to neglect reading them? Those who finish the Testimonies Reading Courseshould send their names to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary that there may be a permanent record of all who have completed this work, and in order that the gift books may be presented when the time comes. ELLA IDEN.

Special Offerings for 1919

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Annual Offering Dec. 20	0



Campmeeting Notes

On Wednesday afternoon the number of our people at the campmeeting was greatly increased by the arrival of the workers connected with the Pub-

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lishing House at Nashville. Their presence is very noticeable in the choir and also through musical lines.

Elder K. C. Russell of Rochester, N.Y., is attending the campmeeting and conducting the evening services.

At the colporteur meeting on Wednesday afternoon Brother R. J. Hyatt gave an earnest appeal for others to enter the work.

The Bible studies conducted by Professor Sorenson, the Bible Instructor from the Washington Missionary College, has been a great source of inspiration r_{1}

The report of the colporteur work in this field was one of the most interesting features on Tuesday at the Conference session. Brother Wade's report showed that during the first eight months of this year there have been placed in this Conference about \$25,000 worth of books.

The Jackson newspapers have been very liberal in publishing reports of the campmeeting.

The Mayor of Jackson, accompanied by the Councilmen, dined at the camp-ground Thursday. He also spoke for a few minutes to those present at the campmeeting.

Elder J. W. McComas spoke Wednesday and Thurday night at the tent effort in Paducah in order to permit Elder Glen Russell attending the campmeeting for a day or so.

A meeting of the Union Conference Committee was held Wednesday morning on the Jackson camp-ground.

Dr. Sutherland, of the Madison Sanitarium, gave two excellent lectures on the medical work. He also spoke Tuesday afternoon at the colored campmeeting, which is now being held here in Jackson.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE



Louisiana Items

Bro. C. S. Corkham, who has been helping in the Conference Office, has accepted a call to the Washington Seminary, and left New Orleans Sept. 3. His valuable assistance in the office was greatly appreciated, and he had made many friends during his short stay in Louisiana.

Several members of the New Orleans Church made a short visit to Hattiesburg, Miss., and enjoyed the last few days of their campmeeting with them.

Word from Elders Sanders and Bunch is that both are gainng in health. Mrs. Sanders also is enjoying her visit in Michigan.

Brother Bell, from Hammond, was in New Orleans last week and spoke very encouragingly of the new church building they are erecting. He also said their members are actively engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work.

The New Orleans church school No. 2 opened last week with a good attendance, Sister Lucile C. Williams in charge.

Bro. A. J. Thiele reports the largest number of hours spent canvassing during the month of August. In 180 hours he took \$724.55 worth of orders for "Bible Readings" and Bibles, and his deliveries amounted to \$574.00. Bro. L. B. Spear holds the record for the State on orders, amounting in all to \$839.60 in 141 hours, while Brother Causey's reports read \$654.00 in 64 hours.

Fresh From the Field

"I am sorry I did not start canvassing long ago."—Charles Shasky.

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"I am still courageous, knowing that this is the work of the Lord, and there is no failure with it."—Thomas Goodman.

"The people seem to be anxious to get a book of this kind. I sold to nearly all the best families in the town of Melville. From my view, there is still room for a great work to be done in this field."-Paul Schuster.

"I feel that I must continue to improve in this work. I have burned the bridges behind me, and by the help of the Lord I will 'stick to my push' until I have finished my job."-Beresford Wiggan.

"The Lord is truly blessing us

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in this work. It needs faith to take hold of His work and take Him at His promises. Pray that the Lord may send forth more laborers into His vineyard, for the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. We are having plenty of rain and mud, but we are still of good courage. Pray for us."—James Bennett.

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"One evening while working a little settlement I took 15 orders with \$8 in advance payments. About half of these I took in one place by lamp-light. The neighbors congregated together to hear of this wonderful book, and I could see that their hearts were stirred as I told them of Christ's soon coming. This is really the happiest work a person can engage in. It was half past nine when I felt my way back to town. Many of my orders in this report were from worldly business men, cotton buyers, doctors and store clerks, and with \$55 in advance payments you see that I am planning on another 100 per cent delivery."—A. J. Thiele.

The Highest Ministry

"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 342.

There are many lines of Christian service in which those who profess Christ can engage, but study and experience convince us that there is no method of soul-winning which gives greater results than that which brings one into intimate association with those who are without Christ. A careful study of the Saviour's ministry reveals numerous experiences in which He followed this method of soulwinning.

"The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul. To a great degree this must be accomplished by personal labor. This was Christ's method. His work was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience. Through that one soul the message was often extended to thousands. We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them where they are."-"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 229.

From the experience and teaching of Christ we learn that, were the church to give more attention to this matter of personal ministry, it would not be long till the work of God would be finished. Christ had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience. He taught His disciples that they could adopt no more successful method of spreading the gospel. This Home Missionary movement is a reformatory movement and in harmony with the words of the servant of God, we shall see "hundreds and thousands visiting the homes of the people, and opening before them the word of light."

"The early disciples went everywhere proclaiming the word. As they were scattered abroad they bore personal witness to the experience which they had of the grace of God. That was the way the early church was multiplied. No more effective method has ever been found to supplant it. The modern church has substituted the evangelist and the evangelistic campaign. Not that these may not have a place in the modern church, but when they supplant the divine method given by Jesus, they not only fail to secure the largest results in the way of accessions, but they rob the members of the most effective method for the development of their own characters in Christian grace and strength."-"Dead or Alive: A Study of the Local Church."-Fredrick A. Agar, pp. 24, 25.

There is no greater ministry than that which associates us in a personal way with our fellowmen who are struggling against difficulties in their experiences. No matter which way we look, in the faces of human beings we find a longing for the touch of a human hand, the sympathy of a human heart. Many times these longing souls can be found in our own neighborhood. This is the greatest opportunity God is giving His people, and the evidence causes one to believe that success in Christian living depends on how we relate ourselves to this opportunity. God's servant in speaking to our people in the churches, says:

"Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."—Test., Vol. 9, p. 38.

"When at home in those mansions eternal; The saved of the nations appear;

I want to hear somebody saying

It was you who invited me here."

L. E. CHRISTMAN. Home and Med. Missionary Secretary La. Conference.



Kentucky News Notes

Brother Frank Thompson has just returned from Covington. While there he organized a Young People's Society in the church, helped to get the church school started, and also organized the church into bands for the distribution of Present Truth. The work seems to be progressing rapidly at Covington.

Bro. and Sister H. M. Gibson stopped in the office this morning on their way to Junction City. They have been up in Northern Indiana visiting relatives and friends.

Sister Fleming, teacher for the Louisville colored church school, is expected to arrive soon. She comes from Baltimore, Maryland.

We have a few more to add to the Honor Roll this week, thus making a total of twelve who having reached their goal in thirty minutes. They are as follows:

C. W. Vermillion* Coleman Kindred* Ora B. Ford**** Mrs. A. M. Causey* EDITH CUTLER.

Mr. Harry W. Perrin sends this encouraging letter: "The Lord has been with us and blessed us another week. The consciousness that a person is in the place where God would have him is an inspiration and a comfort. Many times as I have visited homes many miles from the main thoroughfare, I have been impressed that this would be their only warning of this message, and to confirm my belief I would almost invariably sell a book at such a home. My prayer is that God will help me to be faithful in His work.'

Bro. F. F. Harrison tells of a very interesting interview which he had with a company of Baptist ministers who were having their council at Sebree. "A party to whom I had delivered a book spied me, and told the ministers who I was. After looking me over they sent him out to start something, then they all came out. I saw that they were bent on letting everyone know who I was, so I thought. I might as well introduce myself. I held the floor for twenty-five minutes. Told them about the Law and the Gospel, and that God's people always kept the Sabbath. I took one minister on a missionary trip, and he agreed that 'the law was perfect converting the soul,' but when we quoted nine commandments we could not tell the heathen whose law it was. One minister asked me if I kept the ten commandments. I told him yes, and that Revelation 22:14 said all would or they would have no right to enter the gates to the Holy City, and partake of the tree of life. Then they all got nervous."

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Between Stations

"What did you get?"

"We got a gold medal. What did you get?"

We only received a silver medal, but it was the highest award in our class."

"And we received two silver medals, a diploma and a twentyfive dollar cash prize; but then you know we exhibited a number of things."

The above conversation took place in the pavilion of the State Fair at S., among the representatives of three commercial houses who had exhibited the different articles of their manufacture. The slight eagerness of the voice, the rapidly-uttered words, the dilated eye, and the flushed cheek all combined to show the satisfaction at having received the prizes for which all had worked so hard. Who knows of the hours and days of anxious thought and study spent in getting up the exhibit; and then of the long weary days which followed during the fair, when they had stood explaining the merits of their different articles to the crowds of visitors each afternoon and evening? What a stimulus the announcement of the awards gave to tired eyes and aching heads, for the last night, which was to be the crowning event! How eagerly each awaited the coming night, that he might announce to his friends and patrons the honors conferred on the house! They had won-O, wonderful little word of three letters!

How it has made the heart of warrior, politician, business man, student, lover, and even the little child hurrying home from school with a "reward of merit," beat faster at the thought of having done better than his fellows!

A little farther down the aisle stood the competitor of the man who had received the gold medal. How different was the drooping head, the dull eye, the pale cheeks of the man who had lost! He had worked just as hard as the other; he had stood just as many hours talking to the crowds; only one could win the medal. He had lost. Another little word of four letters. How different the sentiments stirred by that word?

Such is the life we are now living. In all its battles, races, and competitions, only one can win; and even after it is won, others only await an opportunity to snatch the trophy from us.

But we are all entered in another contest, another race, another competition, where it is not only possible but certain that all may win; and the conditions are so easy!

"I am the way. the truth, and the life." John 14:6.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3.

"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

"If ye then, being evil. know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask Him." Matt. 7:11.;

"Ask. and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7:7.

How incomparably greater is the prize offered the Christian to any offered by any worldly competition! The battle has already been won by another; we simply go over the same battle-field, under the guidance of "Him who has trod the way before us." Victory is sure; the prize is within the reach of all.—H. H. Haynes.

Alone With God George Matheson

It is only in the cool of the day that I can hear Thy footsteps, O my God. Thou art ever walking in the garden. Thy presence is abroad everywhere and always; but it is not everywhere

or always that I can hear Thee passing by. The burden and heat of the day are too strong for me. The struggles of life excite me, the ambitions of life perturb me, the glitter of life dazzles me; it is all thunder and earthquake and fire. But when I myself am still, I catch Thy still small voice, and then I know that Thou art God. Thy peace can only speak to my peacefulness, Thy rest can only be audible to my calm; the harmony of Thy tread cannot be heard by the discord of my soul. Therefore, betimes I would be alone with Thee, away from the heat and the battle. I would feel the cool breath of Thy spirit, that I may be refreshed once more for the strife. I would be fanned by the breezes of heaven, that I may resume the dusty road and the dolorous way. Not to avoid them do I come to Thee, but that I may be able more perfectly to bear them. Let me hear Thy voice in the garden in the cool of the day.

"A calculation of the amount of fluid perspired by an acre of cabbages is very curious. Hill e cabbages are planted in rows eighteen inches apart and eighteen inches from each other, it is estimated that in the course of twelve hours no less than ten and one-fifth tons weight of water will have been insensibly perspired by their fleshy leaves."

Campmeeting

Alabama, colored....Sept. 15-21

The Lord has laid up in reserve for His people supplies beyond all count. In the treasury of the covenant, in the field of redemption, in the caskets of the promises, in the granaries of providence, the Lord has provided for all the needs which can possibly occur to His chosen.—Spurgeon,

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Sunday, Sept. 14.

Teachers and students are working hard to have everything as near ready as possible for the opening of school, which is just two weeks off. The plastering is now finished in both dormitories, and the carpentry work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. From present prospects, this year will be the largest in attendance we have had. We are glad to see the young people coming in to school, to get the preparation that will fit them for an active part in this closing message. Among those who have enrolled in the student body this past week are Misses Ora and Georgia Hagerman, Hartford, Ky.; Miss Eunice Felker and Miss Floy Morgan.

Mr. O. R. Shreve is enjoying a vacation in Florida. He is now attending the Florida campmeeting.

Mrs. J. D. Batson, who, as Miss Olive Rogers, was a student here two years ago, is visiting friends at Collegedale.

The fruit and vegetables put up by our cannery this year will be appreciated by the S. J. C. family next year. About eight thousand quarts of tomatoes, together with a good supply of beans, okra, peaches, berries and sweet corn, have been canned.

Mr. Clair Botimer, from Camp Gordon, spent the week-end with Professor Ledford.

Present Truth

Special October Weekly List All of our readers should remember that now is the time to send in subscriptions for the Present Truth Special October Weekly List. On this list will be supplied 35 of the regular seriate issues, and the subscription price will be only 30 cents. The papers will be mailed weekly. This list supplies a full, complete, connected, interrelated presentation of the message. There never was and never will be a more favorable time for giving the message, by mail, than this list affords. The price can hardly be duplicated after this year. All subscriptions should be in by the 1st of October.

How Do You Cough and Sneeze? The Life Boat

Dr. W. A. Evans, who writes for the *Chicago Tribune*, tells us how to cough and sneeze. The public has become accustomed to shunning the public drinking cup, to swat the fly that formerly traveled complacently over the mouth of milk pitcher and washed his feet in the cream, and even to refrain from spitting in public places, "but here come men who tell us that about the only forms of contagion left that are of any importance are those due to infection of the upper respiratory tract. They call our attention to the fact that pneumonia and bronchitis are getting worse instead of better, and that we must change those of our habits which are responsible forthese diseases.

"Maj. Soper says that 'to talk eye-to-eye and mouth-to-mouth is a careless habit, which can and should be stopped.....In earnest conversation men sometimes stand so close to one another that they can feel the impact of the speaker's breath. A large measure of safety against this germ bombardment can be obtained bystanding back a distance from the too earnest person.' He advises standing a little distance away or else standing in a position which means that the forcibly expired air and its bacterial flora goes over your shoulder.

"Another harmful habit is that of coughing in public places. Most coughing is unnecessary. We cough because those around us do so. However if a person must cough, let him cough into his handkerchief."

"Sneezing is likewise often unnecessary. Here, too, if sneezing must be indulged in, the person affected should move apart, turn his head, and sneeze into his handkerchief. Coughing and sneezing in which other persons or food, tableware or desks are aimed at, spreads much infection.

"Maj. Soper discourages shaking hands and wishes we could adopt some safer form of salutation.

"It was the major, then a New York City health officer, who discovered Typhoid Mary—, a lady who spread much typhoid through her hands. His warnings against hand habits, which spread disease. are entitled therefore, to consideration."

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