

English Language Method of Converting Foreigners into Americans

When the Y. M. C. A. began to organize branches in the mining towns of Pennsylvania, which are largely of non-English speaking foreigners, it discovered that the way to gain their attention was by teaching the English, which they were most eager to learn. Dr. Peter Roberts was put on the force of the industrial department of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. to promote the work among foreign-speaking men.

He had himself been a coal miner in Wales when a boy. He has developed a system of teaching English which is so simple in its application that a group of Italians in a construction camp, not knowing anything of English could talk in simple sentences within an hour after their first lesson. This method a mine inspector calls "an ideal system in teaching English or anything else pertaining to mining." The lessons are printed on sheets in large type. This is lesson first of Dr. Roberts' system, which takes up the first acts of the day, and is readily grasped by the foreigner in one lesson. It is printed on a large chart for use with lesson sheets for the students.

Lesson First of Dr. Roberts' Method of Instructing Foreigners in the English Language.

Getting Up in the Morning
 Awake: I awake from sleep.
 Open: I open my eyes.
 Look: I look for my watch.
 Find: I find my watch.
 Look: I see what time it is.
 See: It is six o'clock.
 Must get up: I must get up.
 Throw back: I throw back the bed clothes.
 Get out: I get out of bed.
 Put on: I put on my trousers.
 Put on: I put on my stockings.
 Put on: I put on my boots.
 Wash: I wash myself.
 Comb: I comb my hair.
 Put on: I put on my collar and tie.
 Put on: I put on my coat and vest.
 Open: I open the door of my bedroom.

Go down: I go down the stairs.
 Dr. Roberts has just returned from a trip throughout the West, visiting the copper and mining centres, in Calumet, Mich., where men of 40 nationalities are employed, less than 5 per cent of whom are of native parentage. A group of 50 Finns came together who knew nothing of English, to receive their first lesson from Dr. Roberts. He taught them the lesson so that within 30 minutes they could recite it perfectly. Within an hour they read, wrote and reviewed it. They also learned the personal, possessive and reflexive pronouns and conjugated all the verbs in the lesson in the present tense indicative. Every step of the lesson furnished an element of amusement to these men and held interest unabated.

Dr. Roberts has been surprising the directors of the Y. M. C. A. showing them how large the foreign element of their cities is. In the good old New England state of Massachusetts the census report shows that 78 per cent of the population of cities from Boston to Pittsfield, are of foreign parentage. In Chicago 80 per cent of the city are of foreign parentage. Down in its steel district he started a class in the back room of a saloon, because that was the only place available. In the Nineteenth ward there is but one American Protestant minister and a foreign population of 20,000 Italians, 6,000 Greeks and possibly 20,000 Jews. He started an initial class here.

These classes are influential. They not only teach English, but deal in the language of everyday wants and teach proper habits of dress, of decency, of cleanliness, the ethics of the American home and the principles of citizenship—lessons which Dr. Roberts considers most important, where most of the English acquired is that of the saloon, or the current rough and profane language of the works.

By this opportunity of teaching, Dr. Roberts has been able to furnish a point of contact for young men interested in social service, among whom are many lawyers, doctors, teachers, operators and clerks. Mission churches and settlement house workers have quickly recognized and seized this opportunity to advance the American type of civilization. In the high school of a Michigan city Dr. Roberts found there were 29 nationalities represented and 16 in the teaching force, and every member of the baseball team represented a different race, so that if Murphy was knocked out of the box, either Siebowski or Jacobola could take his place.

In Massachusetts 1,500 foreigners attend Y. M. C. A. classes in the English language, 1,500 more attend lectures on citizenship and American history, and thousands more hear talks in factories and shops on First-Aid-to-the-Injured, care of health, tuberculosis and its prevention, sanitation, personal hygiene and other topics of general interest.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWN.

What a Michigan Y. M. C. A. Did to Promote the Welfare of a Community.

The Y. M. C. A. of Lansing, Mich., was organized when it entered into a building erected for its purpose one year ago. It now has over 600 members who have been crowding the gymnasium, reading rooms, educational classes, and engaging in the usual undertakings for the benefit of its members and the young men of the town. It is an example of the increasingly large number of Young Men's Christian Associations, which are doing much more to provide for the pleasures and benefits of their members. Its directors and secretaries have been considering the needs of the city and taking steps to see that the needs were met, especially in those things which advance the social, physical, and moral conditions of men. Without making itself prominent in the undertakings or endeavoring to secure credit for things accomplished, it has initiated movements which have resulted in the beautifying of the city, so that a general citizens' committee has been appointed, which is now making investigation and plans. Preliminary steps have been taken to form an Associated Charities organization, secure public toilets, and better accommodations at the city hall. It organized a Sunday School baseball league, six teams of which were conducted during the summer. A summer chautauqua was suggested, and an assembly will be held next season. It promoted an anti-tuberculosis movement and public meetings with stereopticon addresses by university professors. It secured a permanent organization of a citizens' committee for the public good. A ministers' union was formed resulting in regular meetings and closer relations between ministers of the city to direct religious sentiment in the town, a Sunday School Superintendents' League was formed. It has provided a teachers' training class in the largest Sunday school, promoted a normal class for primary Sunday school teachers and Bible conferences with church and association workers. The movements have brought together the best men of the city to promote the public good.

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The International committee of the Y. M. C. A. closed its books last year with its entire annual expenses of \$252,000 for home work and \$175,000 for its foreign work net. In North America 85 men are engaged on the international committee force in the work of promoting the work of the Y. M. C. A. in its many departments and 80 in foreign countries. Of its service abroad the Hon. John Barrett, director-general international bureau of American Republics, recently made this remarkable statement in an address at Washington: "The Young Men's Christian Association is one of the strongest influences in foreign lands to convince other nations that the United States is imbued with principles which entitle it to lead the other nations of the world."

The superintendent of the street railways in Nashville, Tenn., has written, stating that "since the organization of the Y. M. C. A. for street railway men, accidents have decreased 37 per cent, the employees are in a better frame of mind to take up their daily work, the association has given them a better conception of what life means to mankind, and the moral character of the conductors and motormen has advanced."

The Y. M. C. A. at Pine Bluff, Ark., set out to secure \$10,000 to pay off a debt on its building, the Colton Belt Railroad Company gave \$2,000. The Jewish Rabbi and the leading Protestant pastor worked side by side in the citizens' committee soliciting funds. It was a "still-hunt campaign," as not a word appeared in the newspapers about it until the work was completed and more than \$12,000 in pledges taken. More than \$28,200 was expended for improvements on the building last year.

Way and Means.

During what is called an "observation" lesson, a mistress was questioning a class of small boys on certain points or things they had observed in connection with the habits of animals in water.

"What do fishes swim with?" the boy asked.

"With their fins," replied one scholar.

"Right. And dogs?"

"Their paws," answered the next.

"Very good. And now, the next boy, what do little boys swim with?"

"Bathing-pants, mum!"

Westend—"What did your wife say when you got home from the stag the other night?" Broadway—"Nothing at all. She just sat down at the piano and played 'Til Me the Old, Old Story."—Brooklyn Citizen.

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