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**GIVE THE CHILD A BOOST**

How do you stand in your community? Are you a part of its normal everyday life? Do you watch the other fellow doing the job, meeting people entering into activities, helping out? Do you add anything to the welfare, do you beautify the neighborhood in any way? For years we have looked forward to the day when we could live in a community where people know, love and respect one another. Where we looked on our neighbor in a friendly manner and not with an indifferent nod.

The time has come when we should band ourselves together for the good of the whole community. Too long have we stood on the sidelines waiting for "George" to do it. Around us we see our children going astray. Why? Because we parents are too busy to give the boys and girls a little time. When I say parents, I am not strictly speaking of those who have children, but we who are older and wiser in the ways of the world.

Many small children in our community roam the streets late at night. Many of those same children are without mothers or fathers. Their home life has been disrupted by death, separation or divorce. Their home training has been interrupted when it is most needed. Whatever the cause we do not know, but this we do know: the children—the fathers and mothers of tomorrow—are in dire need of help.

These things happen in every community, and it is happening in our community. These boys and girls would like the chance

to join the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Young Men's Christian Association, to enjoy a full life. Unless, however, they have some help from us,—from their community, they are doomed to disappointment.

The time is upon us when we must look further than our own little household and immediate family. With homes empty of father away serving their country, mothers working to help the war effort, we—you and I—must become the fathers and mothers to their children. It will only cost you a little time, a little sympathy, a little effort, and the little boys and girls will reap such a big reward.

The community problem is our problem. We can solve it by a little cooperation from each man, woman and child in the community. What of organizations are in your community for the younger set? Do they have some place to go in the evening, or do they just drift around from place to place in search of recreation? Give some thought to it, for in the end, it will be your problem.

**VACATION FOR YOUTH**

School will soon be out everywhere and the boys and girls will be thinking about vacations; how they will spend their time. Many will go to work, but the majority will have nothing to do but "loaf."

This is the time to think seriously about helping the war effort. There is the task of collecting paper, old clothes, and giving service.

Will they go to the camp? It is a fine place to send the boy or girl to keep them out of mischief. Not only that, but they will learn many useful things, especially if it is a Boy or Girl Scout camp. Let your child go to the camp.

But what of those unfortunate children who cannot afford to go to camp? What are you doing for them? Could not your club or organization send some boy or girl to camp? Give them a chance to grow, to learn and to develop into fine citizens.

**IT'S A FIGHTING FOOD**

In recognition of the important place of his favorite dairy food in G. I. Joe's daily fare, the Quartermaster Corps has recently developed eight new flavors with recipes to accompany the ice cream mix being sent abroad. The added new flavors include chocolate, lemon, fruit cocktail, peach, coffee, maple, pineapple, and hard candy.

The office of the Quartermaster General states, "ice cream is high on the Quartermaster Corps list of morale and nutritive foods, being an ideal way to provide whole milk to the troops. It is served as often as feasible at the discretion of the mess officers wherever freezing facilities are available."

With hot weather coming and with increased quantities of rich ice cream mix made available for the fighters on foreign shores ice cream is destined to play an even more important role in the proper nourishment of America's fighters, according to the National Dairy Council. Ice cream has been used as a reward for capturing prisoners and for saving lives. Far more than a delicacy, it has proved its value many times over both as a morale builder and as a nourishing, invigorating, body-building food under the toughest of war conditions.

**INTERNATIONAL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LESSON**

**BEING RELIGIOUS  
UNDER DIFFICULTIES**

Golden Text: Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple.—  
Malachi 3:1.

**"MID TOIL  
AND TRIBULATION"**

By Halford E. Luccock

THE ERA in Hebrew history glimpsed in our lesson today, the period between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New, is undoubtedly the least-known period of all the whole story. It is as if a fog drifted in so far as popular knowledge is concerned. From the time of Malachi—roughly, from 450 B. C. until A. D. 4—was a hard period for the Jewish people. The land was under the heel of conquerors most of the time. Alexander the Great conquered Palestine in 333 B. C. Ptolemy I, who succeeded to Alexander's Syrian kingdom, captured Jerusalem in 320 B. C. There was an interval of successful revolt under the Jewish kingdom of the Maccabees, beginning about 167 B. C. Pompey conquered Palestine for Rome in A. D. 76. The prophets' line had ended. Religion was increasingly legalistic. The messianic expectation was for an earthly ruler who would bring material power and prosperity.

Yet the lights did not go entirely out. There were those who carried on the high spiritual tradition of Israel in spite of all the difficulties. It was from this group of "the pious" that the family of Jesus came.

The whole period suggests much with reference to the task of carrying on religion under difficulties. It demonstrates that it can be done. When we think of the seed plot from which Jesus came, in his human relationship, we realize how important to the world it is for a genuine religion to be carried on in purity and strength.

In order to put this theme into our present setting here are five suggestions for carrying on our faith and church under unfavorable conditions. They will be listed and discussed very briefly in the hope that they may be expanded and discussed in the class session:

1. Face all the difficulties honestly. There is nothing to be gained and much to be lost by refusing to face all the obstacles in the way of religious faith. If, in many ways, the church is having immense obstacles, do not pretend that everything is rosy. It is far better to analyze the obstacles and enemies. Only in this way will a fruitful line of action be found. Compare the church's handicaps today with those found fifty years ago. What is the effect of such inventions as the automobile, radio, and movies upon the church's program? What are the chief obstacles to missionary expansion? What are some evil effects of the war on religion and the church? Take a look at the worst.

2. But do not magnify the dif-

ficulties or allow yourself to be overwhelmed by them. That brings on the paralysis of fear and self-pity. An undue sense of difficulty brings on the feeling that there is no use in trying anything. Again and again in the history of the church two groups have looked at the same set of facts. One has thrown up the sponge at the very time that the other group has set to work and begun great advances. There is immense help in history if a defeatist mood assails us. Disciples of Christ have started in far more helpless times than ours and made great achievement. Consider three periods of church history: the first century, when the infant church faced the Roman world; the evangelical revival in England under Wesley and Whitefield; and the beginning of the modern missionary movement in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. What difficulties did each of these periods present? Which were worse than any obstacles of our time?

3. Don't lose faith in God.—We easily get into the habit of thinking that there are only earthly factors in a hard situation. If the obstacles are too much for our wisdom, strength, or means, we often feel that that is the end of the matter. If our wit and wisdom were all that is available, despair would be justified. But it is God's kingdom and not ours. When Paul brought the gospel into Europe, he carried on against what looked to be, in human terms, insuperable obstacles. But he always counted on God. Was his faith justified by results? Remember how many times in history observers have felt and said that Christianity was due to disappear very soon. It is still here in spite of the frequent funeral services that have been held over it by its enemies.

4. The most important thing is to keep the Christian witness pure and strong. Suppose that the conditions of the time and place do make it unlikely that any notable immediate expansion can be made. Numbers and material "progress" are not the most important things. To keep the faith without compromise so that it does not degenerate into a corrupted form of faith and a badly spotted discipleship is the main thing. Jesus warned against a religion that has lost its savor. "If the salt has lost its savor, what good is it?" was the substance of his remark.

5. Look for the concrete things that can be done in any hard situation. They are always there. Instead of wailing and wringing our hands, we should seize upon the things that we can do in a general situation. Suppose we can't have an adequate church building. What can we do with what we have? Suppose we can't have a church school of five hundred members. What can we do with one of fifty? The kingdom of God may gain far more from a school that really influences one boy or girl than from one that touches a thousand quite lightly.

Mrs. John Byers, of Shelby, and grandson, W. S. Jr., were in the city attending the commencement exercises at A. and T. college. Her daughter-in-law, who is the wife of Sgt. W. S. Byers, Sr., of Camp Shanks, N. Y., was a member of the graduating class.

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