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### Recruiting for Preachers

A number of denominational colleges with departments of theology are preparing to make an active recruiting campaign next summer to induce young men to enter the ministry. Some of them have sent announcements of their plans to the secular press.

Many reasons have been assigned for the dearth of candidates for the ministry. Probably the greatest deterrent has been the small salaries which congregations hold out as inducements.

The denominations will not fill their theological seminaries with students so long as the congregations do not pay salaries big enough to enable their pastors to provide their families with the comforts of life with other folk enjoy.

In this respect a commendable improvement has taken place recently, but nevertheless the ministry as a profession is still underpaid. Laymen should not argue that a minister or priest works only one day in seven and consequently his pay need not be as high as that of one who toils six full days. The average minister and priest of Richmond works seven days in the week, planning congregational activity, preparing his sermons, co-operating in civic movements, and seeking to improve the lives of the men, women and children with whom he comes into contact.

All denominations are beginning to see that their ministers must be better paid if they hope to attract to the profession wideawake and aggressive young men. The ministry, judged

merely from the economic standpoint, must be able to meet the competition of the other professions and callings for the services of alert and enterprising young men if it hopes to attract its share of candidates. If congregations are unwilling to pay adequately for the services of ministers, they need not expect proficient and capable leaders. The future of the church depends just as much on an appreciation of this factor as it does on any other one that may be mentioned.

### Basketball Victories

An Indianapolis newspaper wonders why the high school teams of its city, selected from hundreds of boys, are being defeated by teams from smaller cities and towns, whose players in some instances constitute the whole male population of the school.

It seeks the solution in many quarters, not overlooking the temptations in a big city which induce players to break their training rules and to indulge in frivolities and distractions that impair their physical condition.

In small towns and cities, the players usually are boys who have chores to do about their homes or on the farms of their parents. Their idle time is so limited that often they find it difficult to find the time to practice. The absence of amusements and distractions in their communities results in their being in bed early in the evening. The regularity of hours, in addition to the conditioning process of outdoor work, puts them in a splendid condition for the rigors of basketball.

This is a sport which taxes physical endurance. It calls for stamina and vigor. The boy who believes he can play masterly basketball and at the same time keep late hours and gorge himself with food, is deceiving himself and contributing to the defeats of his team.

The high school teams of the cities will not be able to defeat the boys from the small towns and rural districts if their players do not obey the rules of right living.

### Answers to Questions

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Q. How many members has the American Legion?—R. C. B.

A. The American Legion has about 1,000,000 paid memberships and about as many more that are pledged. There are more than 10,000 American Legion posts.

Q. Did Jerusalem ever have another name?—C. C. H.

A. A former city on the site of Jerusalem was called Salem. An Assyrian inscription has been found calling the place "Urusalem," which meant "city of peace."

Q. When will the joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleet be held?—Q. D. F.

A. There are to be no joint maneuvers this season, congress not having provided funds for fuel and other operating expenses.

Q. Are the government-owned railroads of New Zealand self-supporting?—M. E. W.

A. At the end of 1919, there were in operation in New Zealand 2,996 miles of government-owned railroads, over which 11,725,645 passengers and 5,613,739 tons of freight were carried, yielding a revenue of \$24,277,177, with an expenditure of \$14,787,079.

Q. How large a city is Dublin, Ireland?—M. V.

A. The population of Dublin is 339,000.

Q. How many hospitals are there in the United States?—R. B. W.

A. According to the American Medical Directory for 1921 there are 8,236 hospitals in the United States.

Q. How much whisky was there in bond at the end of the year?—R. W. F.

A. There were 39,961,943.8 tax gallons of whisky in bond at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1921.

### TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

#### THE NOBILITY OF YOUR WILL

There is a vast chasm between one's mind and will.

We let out our minds for hire. They are often put on rations and told to do the thing that brings the most profit. Our minds may become slaves—but not our wills.

The will is the only grand free agent we possess. It stands like a watch dog before the door of our personality! It is a master supreme. To it must the mind pay daily homage and respect.

Our minds are receptive. They invite. They entertain. But it is the will which decides and runs the house in which the mind must live.

Like an open porch, receiving the dust from all corners of the compass, so is the mind open and liable to the receipt of ideas and thoughts of every color. But it is the will which says which shall stay and which shall go.

We are not responsible for the thoughts which come to us—but we are responsible for the thoughts which we keep.

No human faculty is so apt as the will. Put it to work and it presently begins to accumulate power—and power of such a nature that all the varying experiences of life, in time, bow to its ennobling and inspiring leadership.

Carlyle gave as his belief that the greatest equipment in life is the ability to take trouble.

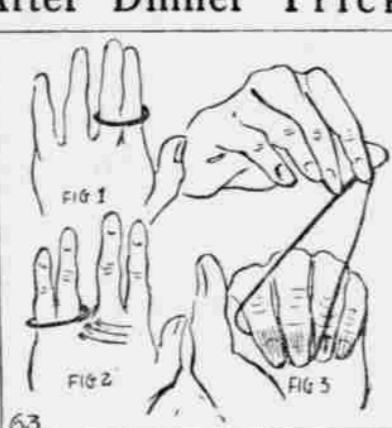
And who knows better how to take trouble than the one whose will has been trained in the school of self-restraint and privation?

The physiologist is authority for the statement that the will even alters the brain by creating new places for the mind to work in!

What nobler master than the will? And how kingly is that man who is made a real man by a finely fashioned will!

It is within your province to find yourself and take complete possession of yourself through your will.

#### After Dinner Tricks



No. 63—Jumping Rubber Band

wain to give the boss a lift; he figures it would not be sane, since Jasper's dome was biffed. A hobo with a wild heart knocked Jasper's brow away; and now the drivers speed the cart and pass the pilgrim by. The limping strangers by the score toll up the thoroughfare, and they can catch a ride no more, there are no seats to spare. And some are old and broken down, and some are young and frail, and all must suffer for the clown who swiped John Jasper's kale. A thousand feet with aching cords toll onward day by day, and auto drivers, with their horns, demand the right of way. And thus one evil act extends its influence abroad; the comfort of a legion ends because John lost his wad.

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