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IS IT WORTH WHILE?

A life of service and usefulness requires the constant giving of the vitality and energy of the person who lives it. Sometimes we are led to ask ourselves, is it worth while? We see others apparently enjoying a life of ease and irresponsibility, while we labor under the added burden of doing their share of endeavoring to make the world a better place for humanity and we wonder if we too might not better simply enjoy life and allow these obligations to shift to the shoulders of others. It is a temptation which doubtless comes to all of mankind. However, what a sordid world it would be if everyone practiced that sort of existence and what a hard thing it would be to carry all of our own troubles when they come.

In the death of E. H. Woodward, former editor of the Graphic for over thirty years and sponsor and backer of Pacific College and other worthy institutions and organizations, we have the answer to that question written out in much stronger language than any that we may ever inscribe in words on the printed page. For over thirty years, Mr. Woodward lived the life which he asked others to follow. He pointed the way to better things not only through the columns of the Graphic but also inscribed it in the annals of his life history. He did not merely show the way, he led. Did it pay? Was it worth while?

The years of giving exacted a toll which no one may ever be able to measure. Perhaps it hastened the end by many years, we cannot say. However, he is today one of the most highly respected men in Newberg and his name is known throughout a large part of the state of Oregon because he gave unstintingly of himself. Many times it required real courage to take some stand, but he did what he believed to be for the best. Men did not always agree with him. Sometimes they rebuked and reviled him, but he stood steadfastly where he believed he was right. Whether the people of Newberg always agreed with him or not, they cannot help but admire and respect him today for all of this.

There are boys and girls, who have now grown to be men and women, who have perhaps been helped by his influence. There are those to whom this help has perhaps come without their consciousness. There are many today who live their lives in Newberg amid the enjoyment of better conditions little realizing that back in the earlier days this man and others like him gave of their best in the fight to bring about the best for this city and community and laid the foundations for what we have today.

Was it worth while? Would these men, or this man have enjoyed life more to have taken it with ease and thought only of himself? And what would have been the result for Newberg and for us who enjoy the blessings of good homes, good schools, good churches, good influences and conditions, had they not made the early fight for our sakes? We leave the answer with you, but we know what you are saying to yourself, and it is to be hoped that out of these sacrifices, the boys and girls of today may raise up to likewise give battle and see that the future generations are given as good environment as we of today have been given. It was a hard battle which Mr. Woodward and the other pioneers had to fight, but there are battles ahead as well. Let us follow the guide posts which their lives have made for us and see that we take up their mantles as they fall with a determination to carry on for others.

SHOPLIFTING

Local merchants, Portland merchants and in fact merchants all over the country have reported an unusual amount of shoplifting during the past holiday season. We are informed that one local merchant caught about twenty different persons with the goods on them and in nearly all lines reports come of small thievery to a greater or less extent. There has always been and probably always will be a certain amount of such depredations. Children go into the stores and see hundreds of articles which their hearts desire and which they feel sure they can never have and the want is too great a temptation for them and they find themselves unobserved and slip the article into their pocket or under

their coat. However, we are informed that shoplifting has not been confined to the children by any means, but after all, adults are only children grown up, and many of them have very child-like feelings.

Is it not possible that just a little of the blame for this sort of thing lies with the merchant himself who displays his goods out in the open in such attractive form as to over-tempt shoppers, who have not the means to purchase? Does not some of the blame also attach itself to an economic condition which puts millions into the hands of a few and leaves the masses without almost the necessities? In the rush of life and the scramble for a living too many of us overlook that other brother or sister who has not the means to buy or the equipment perhaps with which to obtain that means. Often this class is too modest and has too great pride to tell of their own condition. It is a regrettable fact that we often do not know the condition of those about us.

We do not wish to put ourselves the position of apologizing for criminals or of upholding criminal tendencies, but we believe that there is a real difference between the one who yields to a temptation to take something when in want and the one who steals because of inherent criminal tendencies. When we asked the merchant in this city if he had lost anything, he said, "No, it is practically impossible for anyone to steal from me, for I keep my entire stock out of reach." We believe that this merchant is not only protecting himself by so doing, but that he is helping to protect the weaker ones of those who visit his place of business. Some classes of business are much more easily handled in this way than are others, but we believe that a little thought along this line on the part of the merchant might find a way to cover almost any stock so that the temptation to thievery or shoplifting might be reduced to a minimum. It is surely worth the effort.

TAKING STOCK

With the coming of the new year, the good business man takes account of his stock and totals up his business to see whether the year preceding has been a financial success or a failure. If he is a real good business man, he analyzes his business to see wherein he can make it better the coming year; where he has fallen down and where he has succeeded and then after thus diagnosing his business he proceeds to apply the remedy in the nature of such changes as may be necessary for the coming year.

As individuals we should take an inventory of our lives just as the merchant does of his stock and ascertain whether during the past year we have accomplished the things which we set out for ourselves to do or not. We should also plan for further advancement during the coming year and as far as possible map out our year so that it may count for something. The general who goes into battle without some plan of action is foredoomed to defeat. We have a great many failures in the world very largely attributed to lack of planning. Just to live each day for that day is all right from some standpoints, but if we would make a real success in this life we must look further ahead.

The New Year's resolution habit is an outgrowth of the realization of this fact on the part of a great many people. As far as it goes it is an excellent thing. The only thing that can be said against it, is that it does not go far enough. Too often we make excellent resolutions on New Year's day only to break them on the day following. Too often also these resolutions have only to do with trivial things in our lives and do not take up the great matters which we should consider. As a race, we are too prone to allow life to take its own course and do not really make any plans for future advancement. Of course there are many exceptions to this rule and we are only trying to state what we believe is a rather general tendency.

For 1923 let's plan to do some things which will make our lives count for something in our homes, in our business or labor world, in our city, in social circles, in church or fraternal organizations. Let's map out a careful plan for the year which will help us to carry out this good intention and then above all let's stick to that plan. If we do this, we may be sure that at the end of next year we will not have the regrets which may have marked former years for us.

The weekly industrial review states that Independence has shipped one million pounds of hops to Ireland. Is that what Ireland is doing with her independence?

When you get to the point where everything seems to be wrong, just stop and see if the trouble isn't with yourself after all.

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MICKIE SAYS

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DONT WARY FER US TO SEND YA A NOTICE RENEW NOW!

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