

The Upward Look

Our "New Testament"

THEY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119: 105.

"Christianity started upon her missions with a book in her hand, but that book was not the New Testament nor any part of it." That book was the Old Testament, which was so precious to Jesus and with which He was so familiar. It was wonderful how our New Testament came to be written; one writing in one place, another in another; one not having any idea what the other was writing, and none of them conscious of the grand work God was calling them to do.

The earliest Christians of Christ's day had not the least thought of any need of writing a chronicle of their Lord's doings and sayings, because they were so sure He was going to return in their lifetime. Why should they write about His lovely life on earth when He was going to appear at any moment and take them up to glory with Him?

With the delay of Christ's coming arose many problems and doubts and questions. St. Paul was the best qualified to answer these. Through the work of the first Apostles the Church had spread wonderfully and Christ had been planted in many and widely separated places. As Paul could not visit all nor be even in one place as much as he wished, he wrote his letters, so sorely needed, for advice and encouragement, and which were kept as a precious possession.

At the same time that these Pauline letters were being written and circulated and cherished, another type were passing through the same process. Those who knew and loved Jesus, who had heard Him speak and saw Him live were passing away. The younger generation demanded the story of the life of Him, whom they had never seen nor heard.

This is a summary of a long and interesting article by Hewlett Johnson, who closes with the words: "Those who wrote did so, unconscious that they were building up an inspired volume greater in importance than Jesus' Bible, eternally stamped with the very spirit of the early Christian enthusiasm, and upon which the Spirit had breathed."—I. H. N.

A Girl Florist

MORE and more women are entering into fields of business and professional life hitherto occupied only by men. What is more, many are making successes in those fields. The florist business seems particularly suited to feminine endeavor. It not only provides a profitable occupation, but also gives scope to the innate love of flowers and faculty of decoration possessed by most women.

In Essex Co., Ont., Miss Gladys Beech has taken up the business because of the love of flowers engendered in her by living among the plants in her father's greenhouses. Although in the business for herself but three years, Miss Beech has built up a very good business. Speaking of her decision to enter this business, Miss Beech says:

"After passing my public school entrance I prepared to go to High School. I went one term, but grew dissatisfied. I really was not learning what I thought should appear to me. My father suggested that I quit school and learn the florist work.

"I had lived among flowers almost

all my life, so this suggestion appealed strongly to me, and I took up the work.

"I started about three years ago, just at Easter time. I have learned a great many interesting things since. One can learn new ideas along all lines when working among plants and flowers.

"I was what one might call a born florist; my father has been a florist all his life. Things came quite natural to me. I thoroughly enjoy all lines, especially cut flowers, funeral designing and decorative work. I never grow tired of this work, and always feel at home with the flowers. It is a healthful, helpful and most interesting occupation, and one that always has something new in it.

"My motto since starting in business has been, 'Never say you can't until you try.' Great obstacles are easily overcome. If one will only square his shoulders and say, 'I will do my best.' I followed the words of my motto and thus accomplished my first trade exhibit."

Partnership Should be Formed

"Busy Mother," Haldimand Co., Ont.

THE subject of how much money a man should have before asking a girl to marry him is a large one, and I can only deal with a few points. As I am treating the subject from the standpoint of girls who intend marrying farmers, I would say that a man should have \$1,000 to start on, some in property, some in stock and some in cash. Of course it depends a great deal on the man, because some men are more resourceful than others.

Then again, if a man has a large sum of money, that does not say that his wife will profit by it, or even have enough of it to buy a new apron or the many things a woman needs. Of course a man may have payments to make and debts which consume the money, but some men are always accumulating more debts and never get ahead. I have known some men who had large sums of money passing through their hands, and yet their wives, who worked even harder than their husbands, according to their strength, did not feel free to take a ten dollar bill from the roll in order to purchase clothes for themselves. Yet these same men would take the cream checks and so forth and consider that they had a perfect right to them. It is a poor rule that does not work both ways. I also know a wealthy farmer's wife who could not get sugar and necessary groceries to live comfortably, making herself an object of unnecessary pity before her friends, while wives of other men comparatively poor, were living comfortably.

I believe when a man marries he should take his wife into his confidence and tell her about his business affairs and not try to do things on the side. Any girl with common sense will endeavor to help her husband, and if she knows that money is passing through his hands about which she knows nothing, she will become dissatisfied.

In paying for the farm, a man should not expect his wife to do without every comfort. I have seen instances of this, and I would say that a man is better single if he cannot provide nourishing food, respectable clothes, good reading material and the occasional inexpensive trip which adds years to a woman's life. Any girl would be willing to marry a man who was paying for his farm if he would be a companion and partner in all money matters, as well as in the social side of life. And girls, when you find a man who comes up to this standard, be sure and get married, for they are rather hard to find.



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