

## HOW OUR BODIES INFLUENCE OUR SOULS.

(A Temperance Topic.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, honored His body as the handiwork of God. He felt that only through it, by means of the activities and the sufferings of its members, could the great fact of human salvation be wrought out. It was the instrument of His incarnation, His life, His death, His resurrection—of all the incomparably solemn and glorious experiences on which our eternal welfare hinges. Without those blessed hands and feet, the eyes that looked forgiveness on the woman of the city and the robber on the cross, the face which was marred more than that of any man, there would have been no redemption for us who have destroyed ourselves.

In the same way it is through the bodies of His people that He carries forward His work. It must be unspeakably important, then, that, like Christ, they should hold the body in honor, preserving it from shame and evil, and seeking to maintain its efficiency for those holy and august ends to which it ought to be consecrated.

The temptations, to the young particularly, to "see life," to "sow their wild oats," to "drink to fortune, drink to chance," is at all times a strong and subtle temptation. Those who would help them must bid them be alert and wakeful, not ignorant of Satan's devices.

The intimate connection of the body and soul is severed only by death. While on earth, "The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." And what a piteous history is that of ninety-nine men in a hundred, who if they be conscious and faithful to their own selves, are obliged every day to say; "I know I had an ideal, I knew what was right, I set out to do what was right, but all through the checkered day I have done the things that I meant not to do, and have neglected to do the things that I intended to do."

And it is this conflict, this unceasing conflict that led the apostles to say, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The body, the animal man that is constantly intruding where it has no business, sully the clear sky of love, dimming, clouding the day, and making us creep along the material ways of life when with wings we ought to soar by love and joy and get into the higher and unclouded realms of experience.

But passing from this point, we cannot lay too much stress on the noble Christian grace of "self-control"—the kingly government of the outer nature by the conscience and the will which have been enlightened and renewed by the spirit of God.

### "THEY ONLY THE VICTORY WIN"

Who have fought the good fight, and have vanquished the demon that tempts us within.

Canada's entire contributions to missions in 1891 would not pay Canada's drink bill for four days.

The annual receipts in the saloons of Chicago amount to more than double the total sum given by the United States for Missions.

### TEMPERANCE IN ALL THINGS.

Men and women are conquered by other appetites as well as by that for drink, appetites quite as powerful, as vicious and as ruinous as the thirst for an intoxicating beverage. To cut off the supply of this thirst will save them from this form of perdition, but it makes them no stronger, it imparts to them no virtue, it does not affect their moral nature and does not furnish them with any armor against other foes that plot and work their destruction as certainly and as effectively as the fiend of the bar-room. Evil is hydra-headed and the excision of a single head does not slay the monster. The enemy is driving on us from every quarter, and it happens too often that just as we are bearing down vigorously on one of his strongholds, he forces the lines at another point and gets possession of the field.

But with the character changed, the heart drawn to spiritual objects, with inward strength replenished and moral principles made firm, all forms of evil lose at once their attractions, or if they still wear an enticing garb, there is inherent moral power to withstand them. The danger is at the worst reduced to a minimum. With Divine help one may become as thoroughly fortified in grace and virtue as to be made proof against all temptation. Temptation has, indeed, strength. It is the fierce power of hell. But virtue sustained by grace is yet stronger, it is the power of God.

### ENDEAVORS PARAGRAPHERD.

Denmark has lately formed its first Christian Endeavor society.

A mission band has been formed by Tacoma Endeavorers to do work in the rescue missions of the city.

The temperance committee of a Kansas Christian Endeavor society has organized a Loyal Temperance Legion.

The Missionary Committee of the Erskine Presbyterian Church, Toronto, have taken charge of the prayer meeting at the House of Industry, on the first and third Saturday of each month.

All the barber shops and the railroad stations in Spencer, Ia., are supplied with good literature by the Friends Christian Endeavor society.

A little society of ten members drove forty-eight miles to attend a recent convention of the Marshall County, Ill., Christian Endeavor Union.

Three "missionary pigs" are being reared by an Atkins, Ark., Christian Endeavor society. The proceeds of their sale will be devoted to missions.

Forty prominent speakers have already accepted invitations to address the British National Christian Endeavor convention at Liverpool, June 5th to 8th.

There were only fifteen persons present at a recent mid-week prayer meeting in a church in Kasson, Minn., and every one of these was a Christian Endeavorer.

The first week in April has been appointed a special week of prayer for California Endeavorers, in behalf of the convention at San Francisco next July.

During a recent severe snow storm a company of Philadelphia Endeavorers provided hot coffee for the motormen and conductors on one branch of the city street car lines.

Dr. Clark's work in India, outside of Bombay, has not been hindered much by the plague. He is now on the way to South Africa and expects to spend March in that country.

No dances or theatrical shows have been held in Waterloo, Me., since the formation of a Christian Endeavor society, two years ago, that has interested a great number of young people.

Every young person within a radius of five miles of Haines City, Fla., is enrolled as a member of the nine-month-old Christian Endeavor Society. Two Endeavorers ride eleven miles to attend each meeting.

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

This department is conducted by a member of the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies. Correspondence is invited from all Young People's Societies, and Presbyterian and Synodical Committee. Address: "Our Young People," PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, Drawer 2465, Toronto, Ont.

### GALT Y. P. U.

The annual meeting of the Galt Young People's Union was held in Knox Church. The reports of the Secretary and the committees were read. They showed the Union to be doing well. Financially it was in a satisfactory condition their being a balance in the treasury after all expenses had been met.

The officers were then elected, the following being honored:—President, Mrs. Acheson; 1st Vice-Pres., John Taylor, jr.; 2nd Vice-Pres., James Wilson; Sec.-Treas., Geo. Montgomery; Convener Good Literature Committee, James Webster; Convener of Temperance and Social Purity Committee, Rev. W. Kettlewell.

### HOW TO GET FAME.

William Arthur, returning from Egypt, preached before a small English audience in Paris. He said that near the Upper Nile he had visited the ruins of a once majestic temple. Here and there was a broken arch or a shattered column, and the vast foundations were nearly covered with the drifting sand. Melancholy, and oppressed by the scene of utter desolation, he had sought a dark apartment to muse upon the mutability of human greatness. Who built this enormous structure? What king reared it by his money? The silence of the grave was the only answer to his questions. Suddenly his painful meditations were broken by a voice in the Egyptian language calling out from a distant and unseen nook in the chamber: "Abraham! Abraham!" Another voice answered: "Yes, Moses, I am here"; and instantly the dusky forms of the two Egyptians disappeared. "Ah!" added Mr. Arthur, "God has seen fit to hand down to the remotest posterity the name of the man who never owned a foot of ground, but was a man of the tent and the altar, and the name of a man who esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; and they still live in all lands. They despised earthly glory and wealth; but the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."