

## HOW LIFE MAY BE ENOBLED.

Once admit as a working principle that other vocations are intrinsically as sacred as these of missionary service, and Christian living becomes as broad in its range as it is lofty in its aim. Real life illustrates this in grand examples. The elder Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, in his early manhood, desired to choose the ministry instead of the law as his profession. But probably he served God more usefully in the United States Senate, where he was for many years what Wilberforce was to the British Parliament—the conscience of the whole body—than if he had given his life to a mission to the Zulus. General Havelock believed that he was living for Christ in leading his cavalry to the victories of English civilization in India more efficiently than if he had spent his days in a curacy in the heathendom of London. Who shall say that he was not? The order of his superior in an emergency was, "Turn out Havelock's regiment for that service; they are never drunk, and they never run." That told a grand story of Havelock's moral consecration of his works in India.—*Professor Phelps.*

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY.

There was once a man who had fallen overboard, and some one held out to him a plank lying on the pier, one end of which was covered with ice. He reached out the plank to the man with the icy end end to him. The man seized the end of the plank, and again and again his hands slipped off. At last he cried out in despair, "For God's sake, give me the warm end of the plank!" This illustrates the truth that there must be the warmth of sympathy if we expect to move the intellect and will. Cold demonstrations do not reform men; icy sermons and lectures, however grammatically written or properly delivered, will fall as useless as icicles on a stony pavement. Very proper, precise and learned teachers are seldom useful. They shine, but the light that comes from them is like sunshine reflected from an iceberg. There must be heat.

The five great Continental Powers of Europe now have 12,000,000 men under arms, not to mention the naval armaments, almost double in size the whole sea-fighting force of the world twenty years ago. What a waste!

## HOW TO BECOME HAPPY.

Many young persons are ever thinking over some ways to add to their pleasures. They always look for chances for more "fun," more joy.

Once there was a wealthy and powerful king, full of care and very unhappy. He heard of a man famed for his wisdom and piety, and found him in a cave on the borders of a wilderness.

"Holy man," said the king, "I come to learn how I may be happy."

Without making a reply, the wise man led the king over a rough path till he brought him in front of a high rock, on the top of which an eagle had built her nest.

"Why has the eagle built her nest yonder?"

"Doubtless," answered the king, "that it may be out of danger."

"Then imitate the bird," said the wise man; "build thy home in heaven, by trusting in Jesus, and thou shalt have peace and happiness."

"How is it?" said a Christian man to his companion, as they were both returning from hearing the saintly Bramwell, "how is it that Brother Brainwell always tells us so much that is new?" The companion answered: "Brother Bramwell lives so near the gates of heaven that he learns a great many things which the rest of us do not get near enough to hear."  
—*J. H. Hitchens.*

In the course of a long life I have observed that when people are getting religion they are full of self-abasement, and are ever ready to condemn themselves; but when they are losing it, or have lost it, they are often full of self-confidence, and find their pleasure in censuring and condemning other people.—*Dr. Newton.*

When John Newton's memory was nearly gone, he used to say that, forget what he might, there were two things he never could forget. They were: (a) That he was a great sinner. (b) That, Jesus Christ was a great Saviour.

—The Mormons have been granted a concession of 10,000,000 acres of land, and purchased 10,000 square miles of the Zuni Indian lands in Mexico. The Mormons are preparing to move in large numbers to the new acquisition.