

## Hints for Workers

### Loving and Giving

"Half the happiness in living Comes from willing-hearted giving, Comes from sharing all our pleasures, From dividing all our treasures, And the other half is loving First the Lord, then all things living. So each good child should be sowing Love seeds while his life is growing; For all happiness in living Comes from loving and from giving."

### Faith and Courage

When the apostles were sternly threatened and commanded to preach no more in the name of the Lord Jesus, they went back to their company and prayed, not for safety, but for courage; not that danger might be taken out of the way, but that they might be made strong to walk that way. There are some things that may well be asked for granted. They could feel sure that He whose work they were doing would hold his workers precious; that he would allow no needless hurt to them, no useless hindrance to bar their path. They needed but faith and courage for their part—God would care for all the rest.

### The Quiet Hour

It was when Moses "turned aside to see" that God spoke to him from the burnish bush. God speaks to us when we are still. In the busy part of the day in London, so great is the rush along the Strand, that the tolling of the great clock in St. Paul's Cathedral, as it strikes the hours, is not heard. People could hear it if they would stop and listen. Many of us live in such a rush and hurry that we do not hear God speak. Yet He would reveal to us messages of the sweetest and most meaningful import if we would only permit ourselves to pause in our rush and be in an attitude to heed what He says.—Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D.D.

### Different Classes

"A man always has time to stop and tell you how busy he is," comments an observer of humanity. The people who talk much about doing things, and the people who really do them are usually in different classes. The really brave are not the ones who talk of their exploits and heroisms. The great sufferers are not, for the most part, those who decant upon their aches and pains, and the very busy are so completely occupied by their work as to have little leisure to talk about it. It was those lounging in the corner grocery at home who commented at most length upon the successes and failures of the army during our great war; those who were fighting at the front were too busy to talk.

### For the Improvement of Meeting

J. Campbell White tells in the Men's Record of a men's meeting at which thirty-two were present and thirty-five addresses were made. "Every man in the room made a speech, and about three of the men made a second one, so we had at least thirty-five speeches in all. Every man who made a speech voted the meeting a great success, so it was unanimous. Of course! It isn't stuffing that men need

as if they were chickens or geese! What they need is expression. Man cannot grow physically without using his body. He can't grow spiritually without using his tongue in testimony of some sort far God. Let the redeemed of the Lord, Say so!"

### Work or 'Pologize

Sam sat on a small wooden box with a troubled expression on his face. Sam was the colored elevator boy, about fourteen years old.

All the difficulty was caused by the elevator's getting stuck between two floors. The colored lad had nothing to do but wait for the car to experience a change of heart.

"Sam," said an onlooker with a bunch of keys in his hand, "you seem to be having an easy time of it to-day."

"No, suh! I has not!" replied Sam seriously and at once.

"Why?" rejoined the kindly voice.

"I wan you all to unde'stan," said Sam, "dat I'd rathuh run dat elevatuh than to sit rou'n' an' 'pologize fo' it."

Sam did not pretend to be a philosopher. He was a common boy of his race, devoted to his task; but he struck a vein of sound wisdom when he said that he would rather do his work than apologize for not doing it. The world has not much use for the one whose chief business is to stand around and apologize.

### A Large Society

A society need not be a large one, to be a good one; but to be the best possible one, it must be as large as possible.

Numbers are to be sought, not to swell statistics and make a show, but for the greater good that can be done with larger numbers. Numbers mean enthusiasm. Numbers multiply the influence of the meetings and the pledge. Numbers increase the power of the society to accomplish what for Christ and the church.

Sometimes a society is small simply because of inertia. The lookout committee grows lax, and the older members become satisfied with the society as it is.

Sometimes a society is small because its activities run along a narrow channel, and are not broad and varied enough to interest more than a few. The remedy is to branch out in many directions, reaching out for new sets of young people, with new interests.

Sometimes a society is small because no systematic effort is made after new members. In that case, institute a regular canvass, by streets and houses, and keep at it till every young person has received an invitation to join.

### A Personal Workers' Letter Bureau

At the beginning of some recent revival meetings in Princeton, Illinois, the members of the respective churches represented (ten in all), were asked to write personal letters to their unsaved friends. Many letters were written by pastors and people, and since the close of the meetings the testimonies of converts, young and old, have demonstrated the power of such an appeal.

The Rev. S. B. Dexter, the pastor of the Baptist Church in Princeton, believes that the plan has great possibilities in

it. He has organized a Bureau to push the method. He suggests to those who would make trial of it the following rules for their guidance:

Write at least three letters.

Do not write to anyone with whom you have no influence.

Do not write a 'Holier Than Thou' letter.

Do not write a scolding letter.

Do not write a long letter.

Write a letter of Christ-like appeal.

Write a scriptural letter.

Write your letter with faith and prayer."

### I Am Not Eloquent

"O my Lord, I am not eloquent," was the plea of Moses, as to why he should be excused from what proved to be the far the heaviest and most memorable campaign of all recorded history.

God's answer was, "Who hath made man's mouth?" In other words, who knows best as to the man and the qualifications? For Moses, that question finally ended the debate. Once he came to feel that God knew best, Red Sea and burning sands, and scorching suns, and all other hardships, were things to be overcome.

So it must ever be. God knows best whom to select, and that should shut every mouth and stop every excuse. Not a king from his throne to be the forerunner of an open door in Africa, but a youth from a Glasgow cotton Mill—David Livingstone; not a king to strike the shackles from the slaves of America, but a man who had not averaged twelve months at school—Abraham Lincoln.

God is still making choice. Are there men who are daring to make excuse? "Who made man's mouth?" One may be pardoned for, feeling his own insignificance. But is it not well to think of the significance of God? God is ever eloquent.—East and West.

### Be Humble

My business is to do the little, simple, every-day duties which lie nearest me, and be faithful in a few things; and then, if Christ will, he may make me some day ruler over many things, and I shall enter into the joy of my Lord, which is the joy of doing good to my fellow men. But I shall never enter into that by thrusting myself into Christ's way, with grand schemes and hasty projects, as if I knew better than he how to make his kingdom come. If I do, my pride will have a fall. Because I would not be faithful over a few things, I shall be tempted to be unfaithful over many things; and instead of entering into the joy of my Lord, I shall be in danger of the awful judgment pronounced on those who do evil that good may come.—Charles Kingsley.

### Value of Preparation

The secret of a dull prayer meeting is usually traceable to a lack of preparation. There has been no real thought given to it. The leader has not assumed in his own thinking that it is an occasion for which he should thoroughly prepare himself. There are some things in this direction that churches and young people's societies suffer from, that would cause the instant discharge of the person from a secular position if he did the work so listlessly and with so little life and power. We need to be awakened upon the matter. If we should give ourselves over to a thorough preparation for every service; if we should begin by charging every meeting with the spirit that it deserves, what changes would take place all over the world.