

purpose, a personal matter,—that I myself, regardless of what any other may do, will seek to bring, at every opportunity, sunshine into some one's life—sanctified, Christianized sociability? If each one will so resolve to become more sociable, your social work will soon increase rapidly. Now for some practical suggestions.

(1) Select as chairman of your Social Committee one who is enthusiastic over this work, and therefore willing to give his time and thought to it. Along with him choose the brightest, best, most genial and spiritual members on the roll, for the members of this Committee must be jewel-gatherers for the King.

(2) If you are Convener, invite the Committee to your home and instruct them in the value of social work—with practical illustrations. This can be helped along by distributing pamphlets on social work.

(3) Dismiss at once Satan's delusion that it is not natural for you to be sociable. If you find it difficult, pray—but try. Pray Isaiah's prayer, "strengthen the weak hands." Pray for your Committee.

(4) Have only first-class, Christianized sociables and entertainments, instructive as well as interesting—for the better acquaintance of one another. The effect of a poor entertainment is not set right by two good ones. Guard against monotony by having your programmes spicy and full of variety. Especially invite the associate members.

(5) Let the social and missionary committees enter into very active partnership.

(6) Have the Visiting Committee follow up those that may be drawn in through the sociables.

(7) Be punctual, so that you can welcome the stranger; show him to a seat. The Committee should scatter themselves over the Church and near the door. Take the stranger by the hand and "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," not a pump-handle action; assure him you are glad he is here. Try and get his name and address. If he fails to come again, write him; introduce him to other members. The Church of Christ is built up in that way.

Many people find Church homes simply because someone spoke to them. Pass the stranger a hymn book. Now you can do this in a way that will be a positive act of discourtesy, or you can convert the little kindness into a genuine invitation to come to Christ.

(8) Abolish all caste. Remember, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." Christ looketh not at the outward appearance, but at the heart. The robes of wealth and inheritance will one day fall from us and we shall be what we are in heart.

(9) Let each one resolve himself into a good word committee, for the purpose of suppressing exaggerated and unkind remarks about others—rather to say good about one another, and to practice "the love that thinketh no evil," for by so doing we preserve our influences.

(10) In short:

"If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give . . ."

Don't let this sociability be in the Society only, but take it to your homes, to the streets, to the church, to your daily tasks. If you are going to do a good thing, do it now. Let us bring our Christianity down from its isolated pedestal, and let it give us fresh life. Let a belief in a living Christ make us live Christians. Let us ever keep fresh in mind, as a guide to our actions, the thought that it is the Master's work in which we are engaged, and He who can look into the heart and see the motives which govern our actions, will not leave unrewarded even the cup of cold water, if given in His name.

Are you prepared to sacrifice self, and make the pleasures of others your pleasures? "True worth is in being, not seeming." In that day when He shall make up His jewels, would you, who had reflected the sunshine of God's love into so many souls, be surprised to find that you had smiled someone into heaven? Would you consider that you had been amply rewarded for the doing of so simple an act?