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You will do well to study the wise words of Bishop Vincent in the preceding column. They fittingly follow "Our

God's Call

To-day will of God to-day is so hard that it becomes impracticable, and they postpone it until some future time, when they fondly, yet foolishly, hope it may be an easy task. No folly is more idle and vain than that which prompts one to think and act in this way. Nothing is more positive and absolute than the power of habit, and when one becomes addicted to the practice of postponing a known duty, he only weakens his will in relation to the doing of it, and the probability of his ever fulfilling the Divine purpose in his life becomes daily less. For, whatever God may want me to do in coming years, His present call to me is that I here and now discharge to-day's duties according to His will. It may not be easy to so resolutely set head and heart, conscience and will, to the actual doing of it that one shall not swerve or weaken or fall; but it will never be easier than to-day, and there will never be any other way of right-living than just day by day doing the will of God our Heavenly Father.

God will give you increased knowledge. Would you do? Do what you now can and ability to do more will grow. Resolve to be, and the power to become will soon operate within your soul. Resolve to do, and your capacity for greater achievements will increase. Mere wishing to be good will avail you little, and a simple desire to be a useful Christian will be equally futile and vain. Your wish for goodness must be so intense that you will obtain it at any cost to yourself; your desire for usefulness must be so deep and strong that no matter how hard the discipline or severe the self-denial, you will give your best service to your Lord. With such a purpose within you, all opposition without will be unavailing to prevent you from reaching your goal.

"Try." What a big little word it is. Small in itself, it enfolds a great principle, through the operations of which the grandest characters of earth have been developed and time's greatest achievements wrought. The history

One Little Word

of all human effort is wrapped within its tiny compass, and to those who would will fulfil life's sublimest purposes it patiently whispers its message of hope and cheer. Millions have heard its inspiring promise, and under its encouragement have taken heart again and have defied impending disaster. Under its hard stimulus millions more with revived spirits and increased endeavor have bravely faced threatened failure and have wrung success from the unwilling hand of grim and relentless Fate. Never yet have men heard aloud heeded its counsel without profit, while many have refused its leadership but to prove the utter insufficiency of all human resources without the essential spirit which it seeks to engender and train. And what has been shall ever be. You and I are not mere mechanical automations set upon by external force, but responsible living entities to make our own choices, perform our own deeds, carve our own futures, and shape our own destinies. "Try" says "the best awaits you if you follow me. Will you come?" Say "I will," and be sure you do.

My Resolve

"I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life; repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every duty, and a childlike trust in God.

"And as I cannot in my own strength attain this measure of wisdom and power, I make humble and firm resolve to seek all these things from my Heavenly Father in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and through the mystic and mighty energy of His Holy Spirit."
—John H. Vincent.

February

'Tis February's changeful mood,
When eve to morn is seldom true,
And day which broke gusty and rude,
In shifts in skies of sootiest hue;
In mild repose one sun goes down,
The next comes up with murky frown;
But scarce hath tolled the hour of day,
When glittering roll those frowns away.

—Caroline Webbs.

February is derived from februo, to purify, because the feasts of purification were celebrated at this season; but the Romans offered sacrifices to their goddess Februa for the spirits of their departed friends. In the Saxon language its name implies "coltwort," or "springwort," because worts begin to spring about this time.—Loring.

The one first thing that we need is purpose. As no one can make me God's child if I say "No!" so none can prevent my being His if I say

Our First Need

"Yes!" to Him. Our daily relation to God is not primarily one of physical circumstance, but of filial attitude. Not of my powers, but of my volition, does He first question me. My willingness to serve rather than my opportunity for service is of prime importance. Before even knowledge of His will, is readiness to do it. If the spirit of obedience govern us, the ways and means for obeying will soon be made manifest. Many have proven it true, "To the upright there ariseth light in the darkness." Would you know? Do what you already know and