

pity, he had better believe that than believe nothing at all.

Christian doctrine lies at the base of Christian character. The Christian life that begins and ends with "Come to Jesus," will sooner or later fail. Notwithstanding the margin of the Revised Version, the first verse of Romans xii says that presenting ourselves unto God is a reasonable service, a service of the mind, a rational service. The belief that influences the life most is the belief that lies in the realm of the affections as well as in the realm of the intellect. The principles that determine character are those that are approved by the intellect, held dear by the heart and obeyed by the will, and these principles are one's doctrines; they are his creed. For example, the Athanasian creed says: "I believe in the Holy Ghost who proceedeth from the Father and the Son." The Eastern Church believes that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father but not from the Son; yet one would hardly suppose that the character of a member of the Greek Church differs from that of a member of the Latin Church because he does not believe that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Son; because that distinction, if it can find a place in the intellect, is perhaps too subtle to be apprehended by the affections. But to believe in the Holy Ghost does influence conduct, because to believe in Him is to believe in the imminence of God, it is to believe that God is concerned with the affairs of men; it is to believe that communion between God and man is possible, Christian doctrine lies at the base of Christian character as philosophy lies at the base of natural science. Science is systematized knowledge, and philosophy furnishes the scheme on which the facts of knowledge are systematized. Evolution as a philosophy lies at the base of biology; but evolution as a philosophy was taught by the Greek biologists before the Christian era, while biology belongs to the present century. The truth of any science depends upon whether the observation of facts is correct and upon whether the philosophy, in the light of which the facts and relations are interpreted, is true. Now theology is that part of philosophy that lies in the realm of religion, and there is a theological basis for every religious function and a theological conception at the base of every social problem. Whether we send a loaf to a starving Elijah by the white hand of a King's daughter, or whether we let him wait for it to come on the black wing of a raven, depends upon whether we believe that human agency or that supernatural agency is the normal method of God's providence. Whether or not it is always right to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest, depends upon whether or not we believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And so there is a theological conception at the base of every moral problem, and Christian doctrine lies at the base of Christian character.

Baptist Young People, having no authoritative statement of creed or ritual or discipline, are peculiarly fitted for original research into the doctrines of the New Testament.

Influence of Prayer.

Dean Farrar tells us that his mother's habit was, every morning immediately after breakfast, to withdraw for an hour to her own room, and to spend the hour in reading the Bible and other devotional books, and in meditation and prayer. From that hour, as from a pure fountain, she drew the strength and sweetness which enabled her to fulfill all her duties and to remain unruffled by the worries and pettishness which are often the intolerable trials of narrow neighbors. He says he never saw her temper disturbed, nor heard her speak one word of anger or calumny or idle gossip, nor saw in her any sign or any sentiment unbecoming to a Christian soul. Her life was very strong, pure, rich and full of blessing and healing. And he says it was all due to the daily morning hour spent with God in the place of prayer.

The Power of Love.

Do we comprehend the power of love, when it truly reigns in us; how it encircles us with an atmosphere, pervades those around us, melts

down resistance, soothes excitement? A mighty love, showing itself in the eye, in the voice, in the form, what can it not accomplish? Should we not raise ourselves to this state of calm intensity of love? No man knows the measure of his influence till this force abides in him. Christ's life was a revelation of the spiritual love which filled Him. Such a love, and such a life, should be sought by us. Channing

All that you do, do with your might;
Things done by halves are never done right.
One thing each time, and that done well,
Is a very good rule, as many can tell.

M. A. Stodard.

Your Life.

What shall we do with our life, in the little while that we have it? Make the best of it. Devote it to the very highest aims and purposes. "Hitch your wagon to a star." Do not downgrade it by tying it to material things." Alexander and Caesar and Napoleon conquered empires, and won transient applause; but the Galilean carpenter, who spent his life in doing good, dominates the thought of the world today.

Do you admire such a life? and do you purpose in your heart to begin, sometime, to live for others rather than self? "Now then, perform the doing of it." There is no time like the present. In the mad race for wealth, for power, social position, we forget how few are content when their goal is reached; how invariably "much wants more"; how often the fruit of the desire proves to be but Dead Sea fruit after all. There is only one way to make our life worth living—one key that unlocks all its problems—and that is, "Living unto God." The Search-Light.

The Bright Face.

There is nothing that conduces more to the happiness of the home than to find a bright, sunny face looking into ours as we enter the door. If the light of love shines, it lightens the load and brightens up the outlook. The bright, sunny face in the home is a power for good that cannot be estimated. There is nothing like the cheerful, happy frame of mind which it helps to bring about.

So, dear ones of the household, wear happy, sunny faces and see what wonders they will work when there are fretting, anxious cares, and uncomfortable people about to deal with.—*Selected.*

Who Succeeds?

The young man who is making his way through the world, depending upon his energy, industry and intelligence to lift him higher, must not neglect to cultivate the study of mankind. No matter how he may be in other qualities, if he is not a judge of men he is doomed to failure.

A man must possess the faculty of winning the confidence of other men and of making them his friends if he would be successful in any way. This faculty, or gift, is born with some. They touch a sympathetic chord in every one they meet, are given a hearing when more worthy men are turned away, and succeed along their chosen lines when men of immensely greater ability plod along at the foot.

If we say they possess tact, we only half express it. Tact is saying and doing the right thing at the right time to the right person. Tact prevents blunders that would make enemies, but does not necessarily make friends. Tact is the form, but the feeling lies deeper down. To make friends, tact must be present, but the heart only can tie the knot of friendship.—

A Father's Example.

Often, but not too often, do we hear of the abiding influence of the mother's life and example in the lives of the boys who go from home into the busy world, but too seldom is the inestimable value of the father's influence ex-

pressed. With inexpressible gratitude for all that mother represents, the father is the boy's ideal of a man, and stands as the head of the household and the unit of society. A noble father, upright, honorable, conscientious, in all the relations of life, toward the wife and mother, toward all the children in the home, in business, and social engagements, of unswerving integrity, just and self-controlled, honored in all the community in which he dwells, is a silent but irresistible power in deciding the future character of his sons. Never can they forget that they are the children of such a father, and while the love of mother will keep them tender, the example of father will make them noble.

Charles C. Earle.

Hillsdale Sunday School Convention.

The seventh annual Baptist Sunday-school Convention of Hillsdale, convened at that place on Thursday evening, July 17th, 1902. Pres., the Rev. R. M. Bynon, in the chair. The first session consisted mostly of business routine. Towards close of session an interesting discussion took place on the methods employed in carrying on Sunday school work.

The 2nd session, Friday, 2.30 p. m., opened with a devotional service conducted by Bro. Jacob Titus, of St. Martins. Rev. C. W. Townsend, of St. Martins, then delivered an instructive address upon the subject, "The Best Methods of Preparing a Sunday School Lesson," claiming that the lesson should be prepared Scripturally, Prayerfully, Originally, thoroughly, Spiritually and Denominationally.

The Model Lesson was ably taught by the Rev. H. S. Shaw, of the Hampton field. Subject, "Duties to Men." Ex 20: 12-17.

The 3rd session met at 8 p. m. After a short Temperance Programme, the Rev. H. S. Shaw, spoke upon "The Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School, and of the Sunday School to the Pastor." The address was full of good points and was well received. Rev. C. W. Townsend in an eloquent address on "Why Baptists Should Support Their Own Sunday Schools," grouped his remarks under the three reasons: 1. Fidelity to the Master demands it. 2. Indebtedness to Baptist ancestry demands it. 3. Self-preservation demands it. After a short testimony service the Convention closed with singing, "The Half Has Never Yet Been Told."

All the sessions were well attended and a deep interest in the work was manifested throughout.

JOE HOWE, Sec'y.

Notice.

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will hold its fifty-seventh annual meeting in the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, N. S., opening on Saturday, the 23rd of August, at 10 a. m. Notices are now being mailed to the clerks of all churches, with blanks for credentials of delegates, to be returned to me before August 17. The sending of this credential does not secure entertainment during convention, but application must be made to Mr. I. H. Goudey, Box 184, Yarmouth.

HERBERT C. CREED,
Secretary of Convention,

Fredericton, July 16.

Religious News.

"A correspondent calls attention to a report in the *Globe* that five Baptist ministers had applied for admission into the Presbyterian body, and inquires of our knowledge of them. Their names are David Smith, N. P. Gross, John A. Mair, Rev. C. Wooley and I. J. Manthorn. With one exception their names do not appear in our Year Book, and though we have made careful inquiry of several Baptist ministers and officials who would be likely to know something of them, we have not been able to trace them, and if they are Baptists they certainly never have come to the surface in Ontario or Quebec. Mr. Wooley we have heard of as a Congregationalist. Mr. Manthorn we know."

CAN. BAPTIST.