

## Hints for Workers.

### The Lesser Ministries.

A flower upon my threshold laid,  
A little kindness wrought unseen;  
I know not who love's tribute paid,  
I only know that it has made  
Life's pathway smooth, life's borders  
green.

God bless the gracious hands that e'er  
Such tender ministries essay!  
Dear hands that helped the pilgrim bear  
His load of weariness and care  
More bravely up the toilsome way.

Oh, what a little thing can turn  
A heavy burden from sighs to song!  
A smile can make the world less stern;  
A word can cause the soul to burn  
With glow of heaven all night long!

It needs not that love's gift be great—  
Some splendid jewel of the soul  
For which a king might supplicate,  
Nay! true love's least, at loves true rate,  
Is title most loyal of the whole.

—James Buckham.

### How To Succeed.

There is an institution called a "college" near London, where young women as well as men, are taught to make flower gardens. To an enquiry as to whether boys or girls were the best pupils, he said: "You can't say that one is better than the other. Girls have very neat fingers, and they are sometimes as strong as boys; I have known them hoe as long without getting tired. Those succeed, whether they are boys or girls, who put their whole heart into the work." The same law holds good in relation to Christian work.

### Tactful Workers.

They are to be found in the local society. The real object of a young people's work in a local church is not met, nor its value in the best sense increased by the importation of equipped workers, but by the development from its own ranks of such workers. The possibilities that are not only under, but within the hand of the organization are lost sight of, in the desire to see and hear and possess some product of another church. Set yourselves to work at meeting your own problems, and the probabilities are that you can do the work better than the more talented stranger. Let the home diamonds shine. An old farmer picked out of the stream where he was watering his beast a stone that attracted his attention. He took it in the house and laid it upon the mantel, then worked on just as hard, and remained just as poor as ever. A stranger came in and saw the diamond, and they went out and found the sand full of them. Your church is a diamond field of tactful

workers: pick them out and polish them. If you are ever rich as a church you must become so through the value of your own members.

### Everyone as he is Able.

A traveller, standing outside Cologne Cathedral, expressed his admiration of its beauty. "Yes," said a laborer, who was near, "It's a fine building, and took us many a year to finish." "Took you!" exclaimed the tourist. "Why, what have you to do with it?" "I mixed the mortar, sir," was the modest, yet proud reply. The laborer had a right to feel that he had a share in the grand work. In the same way, by his consecrated service, everyone can help in the work of building up human society into a holy temple for the Lord.—*The Quiver*.

### "Go Home and tell thy Friends."

How much there is in these simple words of our Lord! What thoughts they ought to stir up in the hearts of all true Christians!—"Go home and tell thy friends." Home is the place above all others where the child of God ought to make his first endeavors to do good. Home is the place where his best affections ought to be concentrated. Home is the place where he should strive daily to witness for Christ. Home is the place where he was daily doing harm by his example so long as he served the world. Home is the place where he is specially

bound to be a living epistle of Christ, so soon as he has been mercifully taught to serve God. May we all remember these things daily! May it never be said of us that we are saints abroad, but wicked by our own fireside; talkers about religion abroad, but worldly and ungodly at home!—*Bishop J. C. Ryle*.

### Spiritual Equipment.

No man and no age can afford to be unspiritual. No believer can safely neglect his spiritual preparation for the performance of the great moral tasks which call to him as with trumpet tones of the other world. As he is a madman who would go forth to modern battle without a strategic plan, without auxiliaries, without ordinance and ammunition—in a word, without being armed; so is he foolish beyond description who, esteeming himself to be a prophet or priest of Jehovah, would go forth to teach or to move the world without having been sent, without a message, without a heavenly baptism—in a word, without a spiritual equipment.—*Exchange*.

MARY LYON said: "If you want most to serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do." Look for positions that will make the heaviest demands on your self-sacrifice, test the fibre of your sainthood most severely; and remember every inch of your journey that "God can accomplish wonders through a man if he will only get low enough to let Him use him."

## Prominent League Workers.

MR. W. H. MOSS.



Mr. W. H. Moss was born in the town of Dundas, Ont., in the year 1859, and has lived there ever since. It was not, however, until the year 1887, at a prayer-meeting under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Ross, now of Guelph, that he was converted. He immediately joined the

Church, and has been a faithful Christian and loyal Methodist ever since, actively connected with its various organizations and laboring with painstaking for their up-building. All who attend the services—ministers and people—will testify to the genial welcome and words of cheer given by W. H. Moss. In Epworth League work he is specially active, taking a prominent part, not only in the local and district societies, but in the Conference League as well, on the programmes of which he is always welcome.

At the last session of the Hamilton Conference Epworth League he was elected its president, and at the late International Convention, in Indianapolis, he took a prominent part in the programme, and acquitted himself in a creditable manner.

In all that pertains to the welfare of his native town Mr. Moss has always been interested, and has several times been a member of the Board of Education, of which he has had the honor to be chairman. He was an active member of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, holding one of their diplomas, and is now president of the local reading circle, one of the best in Canada. May many more years of increasing usefulness be granted him.