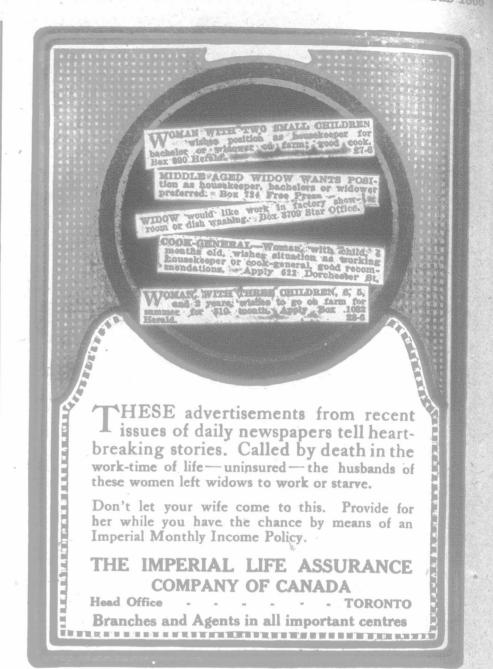


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"In the depths and in the heights man's heart seeks God; he needs to be taught to walk with Him along the flats of the common day." The truth is that when we are consciously walking with God there are no "flats" and no "common" days.

The white-robed conqueror St. John saw, in his brief vision of the activities of the Life Beyond, were unceasingly—"day and night"— offering to God consecrated service. They worked always in His Temple—and His Presence was their Temple, "for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the TEMPLE" of the Holy City.

The young prophet, Zechariah, looking with eager hope at the City which was to be (though Jerusalem was at that time a desolate ruin) said exultantly: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar." Then, as if that were not enough, he saw a more glorious truth still, and good tidings of great joy rang out: "Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts," he exclaimed in amazement.

Yes, those who wash pots in an earthly kitchen can see- if they have eyes of faith—that their service is consecrated, that the pots are like the golden bowls before the altar, and that upon each one is engraved "holiness unto the Lord." We know how enthusiastically great ladies toiled in the military hospitals, glad to be able to help. If they could not nurse the wounded, they felt it a privilege to be allowed to scrub floors or wash dishes. Do you think they imagined that such work was "drudgery?" They saw it transfigured, and glorified in the humblest tasks; as Mary of Bethany must have rejoiced if she were permitted to wash the tired and dusty feet of her



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Lord, as well as to pour out her costly ointment upon His head.

When Jacob had seen a ladder, crowded with angels, set upon the earth, with the top of it reaching to heaven, he at once realized that the spot was holy, being "the house of God and the gate of heaven." It was holy because the LORD was in that place. He can make any spot on earth a Holy of Holies—and He is here!

The Samaritan woman imagined that only in Mount Gerizim could God and His people find a house of meeting; and she defiantly upheld the traditions of her people, though naturally expecting that the travel-weary Jew, sitting on Jacob's well, would instantly declare that Jerusalem was the only place for a Temple. To her great surprise she was told that God had holy temples wherever any true worshippers were found. St. Paul told the Christians at Corinth that they were the temple of God. A temple is a place where God meets His people. He makes His home not only in heaven but in the heart of him that is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isa. 57:15). Though His people may be scattered among the countries, He says: "Yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come."—Ezek. 11:16.

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? He also can serve as a priest in the temple, even though the temple may look to mortal eyes like a stable. Think of the glory of that little village stable where our Royal Brother was born!

Our hearts were thrilled when we read in the papers that Nazareth had been taken from the Turks. Why are we interested in that little village, so far away? Because there the Master of the world veiled His glory and laid a consecrating hand on all honest toil—what He has touched is no longer "common." Is your work apparently "common"?

Is your work apparently "common"? Then do it reverently, as a priest who serves God in His Temple; and you will be admitted to the society of those who work with and for the Carpenter of Nazareth. Consecrated, willing service is a shining gift which you can, unashamed place in His hand. It is your high privilege to be ordained to serve; for "the world does not owe any man a living, but every man owes the world a life."