

The Best Kind of Life

By Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, B.A.

Every one is responsible for his own life. He has to do something with it. No one else can handle it. What shall be made of it? There is no one but wants to make his life a success, no one who does not want to live the best kind of life possible. What is the best kind? Has it ever been lived?

The best people we have ever known remind us of Jesus Christ. His life, then, must be the best kind. Certainly He has done more for the world than any other person. Where was His power? It was in His character. Christ's kind of character is the biggest and best thing in this world. If one is to make the best of his life he must try and live like Him.

How can this be done? By keeping company with Him, by making Him a life-companion. He invites us to His friendship. He wants our companionship. How can one keep company with Jesus? By talking to Him (in prayer), by listening to Him speak, and by helping Him do His work.

Brandon, Man.

Decide or Drift

By Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, M.A.

A log thrown into the river is carried downward by the current. Its course is determined by forces outside itself. A boy may jump into the same river, and striking out against the current, can swim up-stream. He has inward power over his course. The log simply drifts the boy can choose.

And yet some young fellows are content to drift, drift, drift. Like the log, they simply move downward,—the "ne'er-do-wells" of society. But every young man who is worth his salt will make choice of a career. He will look the future in the face and determine his course.

The great Father-spirit who made us all, sent us here for a purpose and knows what we can do. He offers you a career. He calls you to the world's work. He beckons you to a sphere of service among your fellows. Answer: "Here am I; send me." Get

yourself into training for the hardest work that God can give you, and stand up to the task like a man.

Dartmouth, N.S.

Help to Raise the Budget

That, certainly, is what every boy and girl, and young man and young woman, should do.

The Budget is the money our Church requires to carry on its work, outside of what each congregation does for itself. That work includes our Home Missions and Social Service over all Canada, our Foreign Missions in many parts of the world, our eight theological colleges in the great University centres from Halifax to Vancouver, our Deaconess Training Home, and the various benevolent and expense funds.

To cover all these great undertakings, the Western Section of the Church, from Quebec to Victoria, is asking for \$1,500,000, and the Eastern Section, which embraces the Maritime Provinces, for about \$140,000 more.

A big amount certainly, but most easy to raise, even in these war times, if every one will but do his or her part.

The part asked from the Sunday Schools and the Young People is one-sixth of the whole; or, where the Sunday School acts separately from the Young People's Society—from the Sunday School, one-tenth of the whole amount, which makes \$150,000 from the Western, and \$14,000 from the Eastern, Section.

It is reckoned that one cent a week from each Sunday School scholar and two cents a week from each of the Young People would bring the total amount—far less than the cheapest street car fare for a single ride.

A special responsibility rests on the older boys and girls and the young men and women in this matter. They are to show the way for those that are younger. As they do, the younger scholars will want to do.

The plan of contributing is a very simple one—a gift each Sunday by envelope, either at the Sunday School, or in church, as may be arranged. The envelope will likely be a pink Duplex envelope—two pockets, one for the