

FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

SCRIPTURE MOTTO FOR THE MONTH:

"Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ."—Philippians 1:27.

Happiness at Last.

Happiness has found me out,
Found me out at last!
Oh, she dogged me round about;
All my hurrying life she's chased me,
Treading hard and hot she's raced me,
Almost touched me, all but faced me,
Here she is, at last!

Wary were you, Happiness!
Patient to the last!
From your thankless business
Laggard Time has come to free you.
Always driven by Fate to flee you,
Never did I think to see you
Track me down at last!

Influence of a Christian Character.

The best argument for Christians is a Christ-like man. A man who does Satan's work becomes a miniature devil. A man who does God's work becomes a miniature Saviour. Nothing causes the non-Christian so readily to believe in Christ's power as to see a man, who would be otherwise a poor enough piece of clay, so transformed by Christ's influence as to become an embodiment (imperfect, of course) of Christ's principles, exhibiting His spirit, His rectitude, His gentleness, His sympathy, His intense interest in men, and passionate longing for their rescue from evil.

To see a genuine Christian obeying Christ from day to day, and from year to year, in happy, sunny days and in dismal, cloudy days—that is one of the most powerful of the unrecognition of the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS.

Blessed Redeemer, intercede for us, that the Holy Spirit may so dwell with us that we may not resist His influences, that we may not grieve Him by our unteachableness, our perverseness, our sin. Help us to understand what it is to be the temples of the Holy Ghost. O Thou often wronged, often grieved, often offended Spirit, we implore Thee not to leave us. To be left by Thee is to be lost, lost forever! Make us to see the evil of all our sin against Thee. Make us to be truly penitent on account of it. Give us power to be more entirely Thine. May it be more and more our nature, day by day, to love what is lovely in Thy sight, to loathe what we know to be to Thee impure. May this witness of our having believed on the Son of God be strong within us.—Amen.

J. Wilbur Chapman says: "My own conception of a Bible study method for busy men would shape itself under four short sentences: First, study it through; second, pray it in; third, work it out; fourth, pass it on."

Self-Forgetfulness.

"Two are glorious, no doubt, to be One of the strong-winged hierarchy; Yet I, perhaps, poor earthly clod, Could I forget myself in God, Could I but find my nature's clue Simply as birds and blossoms do, And but for one rapt moment know 'Tis heaven must come, not we must go, Should I win my place as near the throne As the pearl-angel of its zone.

—James Russell Lowell.

MARRIED.

At Milton, July 24th, Thomas E. Anthony to Lottie Whynt.

At Halifax, N. S., July 18, by the Rev. A. C. Chute, B. D., Mary Lena Moody to Selvanus A. Morton, Vice-Principal of the Halifax Academy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

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Prayer Meeting Topics and Leaders.

August 6. "The Evil of Envy." Luke 15: 25-32. Leader, Mack F. Harlow.
August 13. "Zeal." Luke 16: 1-13. Leader, Mrs. L. H. Burnaby.
August 20. "The Woes of the Drunkard." Proverbs 23: 29-35. (Temperance Meeting.) Leader, Edgar Hardy.
August 27. "Ministering to Christ." Matthew 25: 31-46. Leader, Mrs. Edward Huskins.
September 3. "Seek Souls." Luke 15: 1-10. Leader, E. D. Ford.
September 10. "Our Simple Duty." Luke 17: 7-10. Leader, Mrs. F. B. Shields.

The Law of Spiritual Increase.

A young Christian seeing evidence of the strong faith of a friend of his, said as if half-jealous of the other's gift, "I wish I had your faith." "You have no right to my faith," said the other; "it does not belong to you any more than does."

Well at all events, I wish I had more faith than I have. "What do you want more faith than you have for? You are not using the faith you have. If you'd use the faith you have, you'd have more. If you had more faith now, you'd have just so much more unused possessions to account for."

Let us thank God that He will not call us to account for what He has not given us. But let us remember that we must give account for the use of all that we have.—S. S. Times.

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