

LIFE'S LITTLE DAYS.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We cannot carry the load until we are three score and ten. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time. Even to-morrow is never ours until it becomes to-day, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and good inheritance in to-day's work well done and to-day's life well lived.

It is a blessed secret this, of living by the day. Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do to-day's duty; fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the brave, true, holy living. Take this view of life and its affairs, dear Endeavorers, and it will help you to live. —*Young Folks.*

FAULT FINDING.

That is a very good story Aesop tells of the fault-finding man who carried a bag behind and one in front of him. The one was for his own faults and the other for those of his neighbors. You see, he could have them right before his eyes to turn over and incessantly talk about. Of course he did not see his.

Watch yourself and see how true this picture is to our perverted nature. If we have any faults or have made any mistakes, we cast them behind us and blind ourselves to them, or either belittle them in our own eyes or blame others for them.

Not so with the faults of others. We easily detect them, think about them to ourselves, talk about them to others, and criticise unsparingly if there happens to lurk a little pique, resentment or envy. We turn them over and over in glee, as a miser does his hoard. Thus we measure and are measured, for we become our own judges, in that we do the same things they do, but try to cover them up.

Let a man keep close watch of himself and he becomes less inclined to criticise. This he is very unwilling to do. And it is so hard to confess short-comings to oneself. But if he reasons a little, he will find he must yield to others what he asks for himself. He wants to be well thought of. He expects others to see his good qualities and overlook the bad; so he must allow the same. He must let love come in. "Do unto others as he wishes to be done by," and thus "love his neighbor as himself."—*James R. Kern in Leader.*

BIBLE STUDY.

As the Bible is to be our text-book for life, it is well to study it constantly. There should be as much variety in the study as possible, for a change of method gives us the truth in a different light. It is well to take a comprehensive view occasionally by reading complete books. Then the topical method is a fascinating study. Take one subject, as love, faith, temperance, blessing, joy, or any other, and see what the different

authors of the Bible have to say about it. Pick out your favorite chapters and mark them, and when you are very tired and discouraged read them for the comfort they give. The psalms are perhaps the best reading for a devotional hour, and the old prophets cannot be excelled if we are looking for lofty thought and expression. But however we may read the Bible, we are constantly finding new things and new meaning to the old things, for it is a book of the heart, and we translate it through the experience of our own inner life.—*Messenger.*

It is very common for private Christians to bemoan their want of influence, and to wish that their field of operations was larger. But it will, perhaps, appear at the last day that we have all had more influence than we can give a good account of; and that our evil has been, not the having too small a field, but the having failed to cultivate that which we had. It was the servant who was intrusted with one talent who hid his lord's money.

There is a tendency in us all to think we should do better somewhere else. Horace chastises this temper in his first satire. The old soldier, he says, looks with envy on the merchant. The sea-beaten merchant would rather be a soldier. The farmer admires the lot of the lawyer; the lawyer longs for a farm. I would that we who labor in connection with Sunday-schools could only be contented with the place assigned to us, and faithfully discharge our duty.

There are many advantages in having a small field, and one is, that it can be more thoroughly tilled. It is an observation of agriculturists that men grow poor upon large farms, and rich upon small ones. The reason is obvious—a small farm can be well worked. If all of this class, and of successive classes, shall grow up to be intelligent, instructed, active teachers of others, who in like manner shall instruct new generations of scholars, and all through your means, will you look back from heaven and consider your field as too small?

Cheer your mind by such anticipations aim high, and you will effect the more; and remember the scriptural principle, that God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that we, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—*Millennial Harbinger.*

HOME MISSIONS TO THE FRONT.

OUR JUBILEE OFFERING.

The American Christian Missionary celebrates, this year, its Jubilee. This mother missionary society was organized in 1849 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Alexander Campbell was its first President.

Our Jubilee Convention will be held in Cincinnati in October next, when it is expected that ten thousand disciples will meet and plan and pray for the advancement of the kingdom of our dear Lord.

The American Society boasts of a fine record; she has organized more than 2,100 churches in this great land. Her missionaries have baptized more than 87,000 penitent believers. She has been a cherishing mother to all enterprises among us, both

state and national. This mother of missionary work is asking the churches to give 100,000 for home missions in this her Jubilee year. This we ought to do.

In view of the splendid record of the society for economy, for rich returns, for money spent and for the magnificent opportunities that are before us in America, we should help the Home Society reach this result. We urge and plead for home missions to the front in this Jubilee year.

Remember the offering for our Jubilee year is the offering for home missions to be taken the first Lord's day in May. Let every lover of our Lord do his full duty.

The foreign offering is now out of the way; let the live pastor begin early preparations; preach on the great theme of America for Christ; show the people how our great plea for New Testament Christianity wins such great victories in the ripe field of our own continent and let us send in the greatest offering we have ever taken for Missions.

HOW CAN YOU HELP HOME MISSIONS IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR?

1st. By becoming a Life Director or by the payment of \$100.00.

2nd. By becoming a Life Member by the payment of \$50.00.

3rd. By giving such sums as you can on the annuity plan, we paying interest on the amount during your life-time.

4th. By making a bequest to the American Christian Missionary Society to preach the gospel.

Our Home Board agrees to support a Home Missionary with the interest of \$5,000 given to our permanent fund.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) will plant a new church and insure its permanency.

Three hundred dollars (300) outside help, will keep a Home Missionary at work a whole year.

Our Home Board reported last year:—71 missionaries at work the whole or part of the time; aggregate amount of missionary work done last year, 54 years and 3 months; helped 377 places; organized 58 churches; baptized 3,886 persons; had 2,361 accessions otherwise; total additions last year, 6,247; have planned and assisted in building 28 houses of worship. "By their fruits shall ye know them."

We ask our friends everywhere to give Home Missions a helping hand in this our Jubilee year.

Why:—1st. To correct our previous neglect of this, the Mother Missionary Society. Home Missions and Foreign Missions are two wings of the bird, and should be made and kept equal.

2nd. America is the basis of supplies for all our aggressive work; all our advance work succeeds or fails directly in proportion as Home Missions is kept aggressive and successful.

3rd. America is the ripest Mission field in the world for our plea—for New Testament Christianity.