bright, active and cheerful business man, and endeavours to make his class-room a cheerful, social gathering, without in the least degree lowering the tone of its religious character. He calls his members more according to their Christian experience than by position in the class, so as to give variety, trying to alternate the disheartened with the bright, the young with the old. None are *required* to speak, and it is so understood in the class—freedom in this as in other things. Reproof he leaves for private application. This is no fancy sketch, but a truthful description of every-day life.

He believes the topical plan to be a good one, as it breaks up uniformity in giving experience from week to week. By viewing a topic from all sides it impresses it very much on the memory. All his members like it. If it be communion week, he reads about it, impresses its importance upon the members, and then asks of each one, "Do you partake of it? If so, why do you? If not, why don't you?" If it be love-feast week, similar questions are asked.

At one meeting he read Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, and requested the members to relate their conversion. At another meeting he read 1 Peter iii. 15, and dwelt especially upon the words, "Be ye ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you," and every member spoke clearly upon the "reason" of his hope.

Another night he read the incident of the ten lepers, and dwelt upon their unquestioning obedience, and drew the lesson for the class, in giving their experience, of the advantages of obedience to the commands of God and the church, and the results of disobedience, with such particular incidents as they deemed best. Another time he dwelt upon rest in heaven, and the necessity for effort; and inquired of the members their chief hindrances, and how they overcame them.

And thus, week after week, varying the programme, frequently drawing a lesson from the Sabbath school lesson. The class look forward with desire for class night, expect to enjoy themselves and to be profited, and are not disappointed.

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD IMMEDIATELY."

Robert Annan, the Christian hero, put up an iron plate near his house, in Dundee, with the words boldly painted on it, "Prepard to meet thy God." I frequently pass the place, and my attention was called to it by a friend as being much effaced. I went to the agent for the property on which it was fixed, and got permission from him to renew the paint and the inscription. I then employed a painter to have it done, but he was a long time in getting it finished. I went to his shop several times and spoke about it; but one day, as it was still unfinished, I requested him to enter it in his books to be done immediately. I looked over his shoulder afterward, and saw the words written, "Prepare to meet thy God—immediately." I called his attention to it, and said, "That is just what we have to do, for we know not the moment we must pass away into eternity. What awfully solemn examples we have had of tales of death coming to crowds of our fellow-creatures in a moment!" Then, reader, "be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." (Matt. xxiv. 44.) And I desire that Christian friends would pray that this repainted board might be greatly blessed to souls by the Holy Spirit of God; and, also, that many readers of this sketch might seriously now obey the friendly warning: "Prepare to meet thy God—immediately."

COMPOSURE THE TEST OF STRENGTH.

(*Observer.*)

We mistake strong feelings for strong character. A man who bears all before him—before whose frown domestics tremble, and whose bursts of fury make the children of the house quake because he has his will obeyed, and his own way in all things, we call him a strong man. The truth is, that is the weak man; it is his passions that are strong; he, mastered by them, is weak. You must measure the strength of a man by the power of the feelings he subdues, not by the power of those which subdue him. And hence, composure is very often the highest result of strength. Did we never see a man receive a flagrant insult, and only grow a little pale, and then reply quietly? That was a man spiritually strong. Or did we never see a man in anguish stand as if carved out of solid rock, mastering himself? or one bearing a hopeless daily trial remain silent, and never tell the world what it was that cankered his home-peace? That is strength. He who, with strong passions, remains chaste—he who, keenly sensitive, with mauly power of indignation in him, can be provoked, yet can restrain himself and forgive—these are strong men, spiritual heroes.

SET YOUR AIMS HIGH.

CANON GARBETT.

A man grows into his aims, and rises or sinks with them. It is one of the most familiar facts of daily experience, and holds good in every sphere of action. Take the artist, the musician, the poet, what is their effort but to give shape and form, before the eye or the ear, to the ideal existing in their own imagination? The man satisfied with his own work never can be great. Is it not notorious that as he advances in skill the more critical and difficult to please, and sees defects in work on which, perhaps, years before, he looked with complacent satisfaction? Whence this sensitiveness to fault? Has he lost his skill of eye and hand, his sense of beauty and form, or color or harmony? Not in the least. He has simply grown, and as he has grown his conceptions have grown. Let any one compare his work as a *man* with his work as a child, and he will smile at the difference. And it is just the same with the conscience as it is with the intellect. The same laws pervade all our nature. The man who has acquired a sense of sin has simply grown. He has lost nothing, but he has gained—has gained a new conception of holiness. The facts concerning himself remain what they were, but his thoughts have soared into a higher sphere, and he has breathed a purer atmosphere.

UNCONSCIOUS SERVICE.

(*Examiner.*)

We love our friends all the time; when we are so absorbed in working for them that we seldom thing of them, as well as when telling them of our regards. Thus, if it is the fixed purpose of our lives to glorify God—if we have given ourselves to him with unreserved affection—the hours that we give to diligence in business will be hours in which we serve him, just as truly as in our conscious worship; and in such service we shall make constant progress in Christian experience.

DO CHILDREN "HOLD OUT"?

"It is well enough to teach children the gospel, but we should remember that they are not apt to hold out in religion." Such are the sentiments we sometimes hear. But we believe them mistaken. Of a hundred converts among children, taking them just as they come, and with the spiritual care or neglect they on the average receive, we believe as large a per cent. of them continue as of a hundred adults taken the same way.

Children need help in order to "endure." Do not old sinners when converted need the same? Is a man any more apt to "hold out" in religion for having long "held out" in sin? Are disobedience and ingratitude and hardness of heart a good school for permanence of character in righteousness? Not if we understand human nature.

"But children are easily influenced". We know it. And this is the very reason why they should be put under the full influence of Christanity at once. Do not leave them to be chilled by worldliness during all the formative years and fondly hope they will thus learn to be strong in right.

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