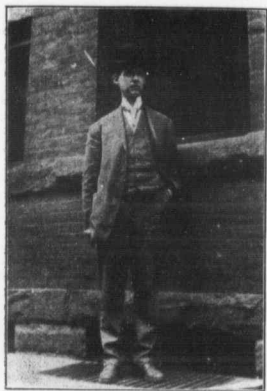


religion, the author and finisher of our faith. His life is placed before us as an example and an encouragement. We may have our trials, and difficulties and discouragements, but *let us consider Him*. His lot was not easier than ours; His path was not smoother. He bore a Cross such as we are not called upon to bear. He covered Himself with shame



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While this is a characteristic attitude of Mr. Farewell, we are sure our Leaguers and S.S. teachers will not find him nearly as stiff as he looks. No more genial or pains-taking man was connected with our party.

for the sake of His cause. He endured great contradiction of sinners against Himself. But, in all these experiences He looked to the joy that was before Him, and He is now reaping His reward at the right hand of God.

Again, our author reminds us that such sufferings as we are called upon to bear are to be regarded in the light of chastening from the hand of a loving Father. All chastening is grievous to be borne. It is especially grievous when we remember that the suffering we endure does not come directly from the Lord, but is instigated by the Devil and his agents. But, no matter from what source the suffering comes, the Lord is able to use it as a means of chastening whereby we are profited. "All things work together for good to them that love God." "All things," even the hardships that may be unjustly thrust upon us, whether by enemies or would-be friends. But, if at any time we should seem to be overburdened, or that we should seem to have more than our fair share of suffering and injustice, let us obey the exhortation of our lesson—*look unto Jesus*. Let us consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners, who suffered, and suffered unjustly, as none other ever did, and yet by His suffering, He was made perfect (Heb. 2: 10; 5: 8, 9). Likewise our trials, though of a minor kind, will tend to the perfecting of our characters.

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"The wise man will find in his own affairs enough to engross his attention without tendering his neighbor unsolicited advice. If your friend is wise he does not need it. If he is a fool he won't follow it. The man who minds his own business is respected in the community, but, as Solomon says, 'Every fool will be meddling.'"

The Social Department

At the Kawartha Lakes Summer School, a very profitable Conference was held on the work of this department. The President of the Conference League was in charge. In opening the discussion Mr. Foley said:—

The very name, "Social Department," is attractive, and should be inviting to all our young people who are seeking the highest and best forms of friendship. Companionship seems to be one of the universal laws of creation, as Newall Dwight Hillis says "The very cattle go in herds, the fish go in shoals, the bees swarm, the ants in companies and men come together in families and in tribes and cities."

The social element in human nature is like a two-edged sword, it cuts both ways. In the hands of the evil it is a mighty influence for evil and in the hands of the good it is powerful for good. In the employment of this potent influence the children of this world have been wiser than the children of light. The dance, card party, saloon, are very social in their character, but they do not tend toward righteousness. The mightiest lever in the hands of Satan to-day for accomplishing his purpose is sociability, but it may be turned into one of the strongest instruments the church can wield for drawing men and women and the young people into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

The Social Department is sometimes looked upon with less favor than some of the others, being considered useful in providing any entertainment necessary, but not contributing to the spiritual welfare of the League. Indeed sometimes the Social Committee itself is satisfied to settle down with this idea that the winning of souls and the deepening of spiritual life belong to the other committees. This is a great mistake. Social workers, if they are co-workers with God, possess an unconscious influence that can lead men and women to the foot of the cross almost without their being aware that they are being led. The Social committee should be made up of the brightest spirits who are not only genial, but back of their geniality have a genuine

love for God and humanity and will use their talents in leading our young people to Christ.

We are apt to underrate the value of kind words and sunny smiles, and yet perhaps scarcely one of us but can look back to a



REV. J. A. DOYLE

We tried to get a real first-class picture of our brother Secretary, but this was the best we managed to get. Some day we will secure a photo that will do him justice. Many of our readers, especially in the West, will welcome this "shot" of an old and tried friend.

time when some little act of kindness, probably forgotten long ago by the one who gave it, helped us over a rough place when we were discouraged or depressed, and made us for the time forget the thorns in the pathway, encouraged and perhaps even started us on our journey to the celestial city. We must not organize our Social Department simply to "amuse" young people, thinking thereby to draw them into the church. The world is past master at the art of amusing. Our work and appeal must strike deeper than the surface. Let brightness dominate all our meetings, but don't let brightness degenerate into lightness, and beware of the sociability that borders on frivolity.

Let me give you Susanna Wesley's advice to her son John Wesley when he was somewhat perplexed over the subject during his college days. She says in her letter "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; in short whatever increases the strength and superiority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you however innocent it may seem in itself." I am doubtful if any church committee to-day could frame a better rule in the matter of amusement.

"There are lots of men who will sing with gusto in a missionary meeting.

'Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
'That were a present far too small,'

but when the collection plate is put under their nose and they are asked to put their sentiments into cold, hard cash, they drop a five-cent piece upon it with a sigh of regret that suggests the other well-known lines.

'When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain.'"



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Just before leaving the Metropolis of the Pacific for one of the aggressive Presidents of the Sixth Avenue Epworth League coming down to the station to say "Good-bye," he added him to our collection. He is worthy of a front place, for under his wise leadership, the League of his church is becoming a growing and active force for God.