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The Lessons for 1900.

It is a significant fact that the last year of the nineteenth century and the first half year of the twentieth century will be spent in the consecutive study of the life of our Lord. For eighteen months the schools of Christendom will be studying that Matchless Life as it never was studied before in all the centuries since Christ came to save the world. It means very much for that twentieth century, whose portals are opening before us, that this sacred theme shall be for so long a period the subject of such devout study.

"And I if I be lifted up," said our Lord, "will draw all men unto me." Never was he so lifted up in all lands, and among all peoples as he will be during the next year and a half. In the crowded cities and the rural hamlet, amid the teeming populations of the great mission centres of Indian and China, and in the lonely outposts and frontiers of Christendom, that holy life,

the work and words of our Lord, shall be pondered as they never were before.

Assuredly the Divine and Eternal Spirit, the source of all illumination, will seal these holy truths upon myriads of souls, will lead to a consecration of the young life of Christendom, to loyal love and service to him who gave his life for us.

What a grand opportunity to walk in the very footsteps of our blessed Lord, to lean like John upon his bosom, to drink deeply of his spirit, to be conformed to his image. One of the great books of the ages which has moulded the thought and life of Christendom is the "Imitation of Christ," by Thomas a Kempis. Let us each write our Imitation of Christ by the thoughtful, loving study of his life and conformity to his will.

The mode of this study will differ from that heretofore followed. The custom has been to take the lessons from the writings of some one of the evangelists, and to confine the attention exclusively to that book.

The method to be adopted in 1900-1901 is to select from the four evangelists, as nearly as may be, in chronological order and in logical connection, the events of our Lord's life and ministry. In this way a more complete rounded and full-orbed conception of that sacred life will be secured.

Lesson Helps for 1900.

The testimony of experienced teachers is that no help is more valuable for the study of the life of our Lord than a Harmony of the Gospels. The advantages of such a Harmony, or Montessoron, will be shown by the following extracts from an article by Prof. Amos R. Wells, in The Sunday-school Times:

"Far above concordance, Bible index, Bible dictionary, I count the Montessoron the very best help to Bible study. The Montessoron, it might be parenthetically remarked for the benefit of the lexicon-lazy folk, is a harmony of the four gospels, so arranged as to make one continuous and complete story, in Scripture words alone. Speaking for one, I may say that through recent first acquaintance with a Montessoron, that Matchless Life has shone upon me with an entire splendour of beauty and majesty before unimagined."

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