

Purity within was the main thing. We cannot emphasize that too well. Our national spirit should be pure, just, generous, Christian in the best and broadest sense. Read Canadian history; read the Bible with it and apply the principles taught to the affairs of to-day. Good citizenship is as broad in its interests as the kingdom of heaven.

Moral Issues

"In the long run it is only the moral issues that count," says a Canadian parliamentarian. We could wish that our politicians would act within the Parliament as well as they talk without. Many questions that are talked about are not considered on the moral side, yet questions of trade and finance have a moral basis. In these relations we are to do as we like to be done by. If we cannot square our business with the commandments we have no business there. The moral issues count. The British House of Commons has no "cross benches." A member must sit on one side or the other. That is the way with moral issues—we must take sides.

If we want our lives to count for something we must get on the moral side. We have seen a pebble thrown into the placid waters where a circle of waves was started. Then we have seen a larger stone thrown in. The new ring of waves completely obliterated the first. Such is the power of righteousness over evil. The

Heart Messages

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THE pilot is wise who notes where the lighthouse stands whose warning gleams mark the rocks on which ships go down. The listening ear catches the sound of the bell-buoy and keeps his vessel from hogging on the sandbar and stranding on hidden shoals. He is worse than foolish who will not sit and listen to the voice of him who lives in the gloaming. Grey hairs and furrowed brows mark the last days of a pilgrimage whose history is a guidebook to those who follow after. In the quiet of my study and in this hour of an enriched experience, will you sit with me for a while? Let's talk over things that are practical—practical in that they are wrought into the hours through which I myself have come.

The older life of the Church may be of a staid and settled type, but the young life is not to be thought insipid and wavering. The older life may be unable to adjust itself to a new order of things, but the wide, wide world of Leaguedom is simply the faith once delivered to the saints, and seeks to adjust itself happily to modern conditions. The same pillar of cloud by day and fire by night moves before us. The Shekinah abides with us as in the olden times.

Yes, the great aim of your life is to

constituency that is lifeless and formal. A stereotyped, freeze-to-death process Sabbath after Sabbath will produce a kind after its own order—dry, uninviting, cold, dead.

Just as well have a train whose engineer is dead at the throttle as to have a League conducted by an incompetent leader. The person who cannot find time for preparation to lead is not the one into whose hands so grave an interest should be committed. To lead is to make the topic a real intellectual feast. This is no child's play. To use *verbatim* the utterances of any paper means suicide. To repeat the thoughts of others word for word is a parrot's diversion. The Leaguer is no exception—we must recognize the cravings of the mind. Success is reached when each goes away saying: "I did not see it just that way before."

It does not follow that if the emotions are stirred the mind is therefore convinced or moved. The profoundest emotions are reached by way of the intellect. We therefore say, stir the emotions. The one whose emotional nature is stirred because some tremendous truth burns in his thought will stay stirred. Let us have done with this whimpering, effervescence, vanishing emotion arising out of a sad story or a tale of horror. All such



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man who has right behind him will overthrow the influence and power of evil. We should make our lives into harmony with the moral laws of the world, then the "stars in their courses will fight with us and not against us."

Hard work is a good cure for hard times.

Credo

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successfully build a character. That matter in its final consummation is entirely with you, my dear young friend. The quarries are full of material, the instruments of grace are at your disposal, the divine Ideal and Pattern still hangs amidst the shadows of Calvary. And what's the highest conception of your heart-life according to the standard of the fathers?

Are you really a devotional spirit? We cannot treat this question lightly. The individual answer is the pulse of every League. No Chapter is a perfect success unless it becomes an instrumentality used of God in the conversion of souls. The League of to-day is the Church of to-morrow. The devotional work that runs on a dead level, characterized by a cold-blooded formalism, will turn over to the Church of the future a

fades like mist before the rising sun. Truth will be mighty when the weeping prophets are gone and forgotten. Emotion that precedes intelligent conviction is a curse rather than a blessing. Aim at the inner heart. Don't move on the hypothesis that the last analysis of emotion is tears. The deepest agonies, the surgings of the soul, are for the most part tearless.

You must not forget the element of example in leading. Remember that the truth you teach is believed in proportion to its incarnation. No statement of fact is any more powerful than the heart through which it is filtered. What an awful thought! My dear young friend, if we professed less and lived more, there would not be so much of the blind leading the blind. It happens that every heart must be the final demonstration of its