

The Secret of Happiness.

The Lord Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." G. Stanley Hall, of Clarke University, Worcester, Mass., says the most beautiful thing in the world is the expression of surprise and wonder on the face of a child. It is not seen on the faces of the children of the rich; it is banished from them. Whatever they ask for is given them; education is made for them. They are old and worn out before the roses are in bloom in June. We hear of societies for the prevention of cruelty to children of the poor. We need societies for the prevention of cruelty to the children of the rich. Their life is eaten out by gifts and things done for them. Come with me to the home of poverty, and I will show you more happiness bought for 25 cents than can be had for \$25 in the home of the rich; where a toy lasts six months, while the rich child's costly toy is soon thrown aside and something else is wanted. Why? The poor child knows the key to happiness. He shares his gifts. If you can turn the tide so that the rich child does not think of self but of the other one, then happiness will come. The son of a wealthy New York family has turned his back on luxury and gone down to the east side to live. A friend asked him why he had done it. He replied: "To quit being selfish." Now he will be happy. The Dead Sea drains Gennessaret and the Jordan and only adds to its own bitterness. Gennessaret pours its life out as fast as it comes. Gennessaret is always singing songs of happiness.

Giving is happiness because it is more like God. God has need of nothing but to give, give, give. The glorious gospel reveals a happy God; he gave his only begotten Son. God might have stripped heaven of the angels and it would not have impoverished him.—Selected.

A Heavenly Home.

The most attractive view of heaven is that in which it is represented as a home. "In My Father's house." "The whole family in heaven." The word "home" is sweet and the meaning familiar. Who does not look back to the home of childhood with fond recollections? The house may have been primitive and humble, destitute of those luxurious and comfortable appointments which we have seen in fine city houses. But the house is not the home. The home is the family—the father, mother, brothers and sisters. In the home there are freedom, confidence, sympathy and love. There are cheerful songs, delightful conversations, happy voices, merry laughter and sacred fellowships. But that home is no more. The father and mother grew old and feeble, and have been gathered to their fathers. The brothers and sisters are scattered and the home is a memory. Then new relations were formed and new homes established. Those who were once children became heads of families, and sons and daughters are growing up about them. Again, there are freedom, confidence, sympathy and love. But these homes are temporal also. Soon they will be only a memory. And is this all? Shall the homes of men and women go on forever rising and falling, growing and decaying? No; there is an everlasting home. There is a heavenly Father who is from everlasting to everlasting. His children gather about him with freedom, happiness and love, with music and gladness, and that home shall abide forever.

Don't try to hold God's hand; let Him hold yours. Let Him do the holding and you the trusting.

Our Young People

Sun., Nov. 18. How may we Help Abolish the Saloon?

Eph. 6: 10-13. (Temperance.)

What we Are Fighting.

It is a good thing to know the strength of the enemy as well as his weak points. Intemperance is one of the ruling vices of human nature, and has the strength of ages of heredity behind it. Liquor-selling is one of the most profitable businesses in the world, and thus the vice of covetousness breaks up the vice of drunkenness. We thus fight two of the strongest tendencies of human nature when we fight the saloon, and we need not expect a walk-over.

We must make a personal fight, a social campaign, and a legislative battle. Either one of these three alone is not enough. Hands must be joined all along the line. The moderate drinker may have a place in the campaign, but he has never yet been able to find it, either to his own satisfaction or to anybody else's, except the liquor-seller's. Logic is with the total abstainer, and his example reinforces his argument.

Some ways Proposed.

A great many minds have grappled with the saloon problem, and it is well worth while to study the plans that have been proposed and in some instances tried.

South Carolina, suppressing saloons, has liquor sold only by the State, not to be drunk on the premises, but carried away bottled. The element of private profit and the system of treating are thus eliminated, and the social prominence of the saloon is removed. But liquor is still sold in large quantities.

Norway and Sweden, by the Gothenburg plan, replace the saloon by a house of public entertainment, where all kinds of drinks are sold, but the profit comes from tea, coffee, soda water, etc., while liquor brings in no commission to the seller. In this way the principle of business gain is directly opposed to the sale of liquor. This plan has worked wonders, it is said, in the northern kingdoms.

England has taken up this idea through private associations which buy up public houses, run them under rigid restrictions, and apply the profits to village improvement. The two drawbacks are, first, that the more the village spends for liquor the more it gets back in improvements, which is decidedly demoralizing; and second, that competition by unscrupulous liquor dealers cannot be excluded, and this complicates the experiment.

In the Strength of the Gospel.

The battle against intemperance is a gospel battle. It never can be won except in the strength of Christ. The liquor dealers are not much afraid of any enemies except those who rally under the banner of the Cross.

Christ must be our Captain in this campaign. No one else can cast the devil of intemperance out of a man, or fill the empty heart. Christ alone can sustain our discouragement and renew our strength. This is not an ethical work; it is a Christian work.

A Sabbath Program.

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Let the balm of sleep do its work after the weekly toil and when the early voice of labor

is still, but let it not steal the freshness of the new day. See the Sabbath while it is young and welcome it near its threshold, lest sleep overdone bind the hands in idleness and dull the heart with lethargy.

Let the cool showers that wake and stir the blood fall upon you to refresh your body and tone your nerves. Let the family, free from outside claims, unify itself at the breakfast board, and looking into each other's faces seek new tokens of reciprocation. Set the Holy Book as chief garnishment at the father's place. Let it be opened and some inspiring call to life and its best be read, and with God's word echoing in each heart let God's presence be sought for the table, for the work, for the leisure of the day.

Thus begun, let the day run forward. The chord struck, complete the symphony. Let nothing lower the pitch nor mar the theme.

Bind the family in stronger bonds as the day grows. Let all meet in the church pew that their thoughts and feelings may have the incentive of hallowed surroundings. Let songs of worship separate the lips and shame away all self-consciousness. Let prayer rise and pour back into the soul a filling richness. Gravely seize the truth. Take it into your life and commit it to service. Let the gates of your better nature stand wide that the tide of your better impulses may pass outward. Meet men. Greet men. Let your fellowship with God be real and the holy house will fill and glow with his presence.

Give the afternoon in part as an offering of labor to those in need. Walk enough in God's sunshine to cleanse your soul of gloom. Drain the sweetness of some good book. Abide with men before whose eyes God has set a vision. Give the Holy Book large place in the feeding of your hungry heart. Do everything that is right. Do nothing that is wrong. And when the day's program is ended your life will have garnered the best joys and the truest peace that the Sabbath day provides.—The Interior.

Daily Readings.

Mon., Nov. 9.—Strength for the fight. II Tim. 2: 1-7
Tues., Nov. 10.—Armor for the fight. Rom. 13: 11-14
Wed., Nov. 11.—Our adversary. John 12: 30, 31
Thurs., Nov. 12.—Our Captain. Heb. 2: 9-10
Fri., Nov. 13.—Assurance of victory. I John 5: 1-5
Sat., Nov. 14.—Our reward. Rev. 2: 7, 11, 17
Sun., Nov. 15.—Topic—How may we help abolish the saloon? Eph. 6: 10-13. (Temperance.)

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