

as David did with his. "Do it, Lord, do as Thou hast said." Thus that appropriated promise becomes at once an everlasting covenant between us and our God, ordered in all things and sure.

Or we can do with the promise as the nobleman did, upon whose arm the king leaned—we can say, with an unbelieving shake of the head, "If the Lord would make windows in heaven, might such a thing be." Then the promise turns to a dead letter to us except indeed as it becomes a witness against us because of our unbelief.

A little girl was seeking salvation in Christ. The word was brought to her, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast him out." That was good news. She simply believed it and answered, "This word is Christ's and I may trust it. He has not cast me out. He will not cast me out. He will 'in no wise' cast me out. I am His forever." Christ gave His word and she believed it. So an everlasting covenant was formed between them, even the sure mercies of David, and received in exactly the same way.

"Look unto me and be ye saved, all ends of the earth." These were the words that fell on the ears of a sin-burdened student.

"Look!" answered the sinner. "He does not say 'See.' I can look to Him, and I have His word for the rest." Such in brief was the initial covenant sealed between young Spurgeon and His God. He hearkened to the Lord. He took at His invitation the word that was sweet to his taste. And an everlasting covenant, even the sure mercies of David, was formed between them.

"Sanctify me through thy truths, thy word is truth." "If the truth therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," Ottawa Ladies' College.

How To Get Love.

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We learn to love others more by what we do for them than by what they do for us. If we are cold, the best way to get warm is not to stand by the fire, but to get away from the fire and bestir ourselves. It is much in that way that we learn to love people. A heart grows by using just as muscles do; and it will not grow without using, talk about love being an out-and-out ready-made gift from God as much as we please. And if we are setious in our desires to be great lovers, that is the way to become such. Reading about love, listening to sermons about love, studying what the gospel has to say about love, may give us quite accurate ideas upon the subject; but what we want is love, and not ideas of love; and the only way to win that is to set at practical work so much or so little love as we may be already possessed of.

Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things we will not do the danger is that we shall do nothing.

Let us seek the grace of a cheerful heart, an even temper, sweetness, gentleness, and brightness of mind, as walking in His sight, and by His grace. Let us pray to Him to give us the spirit of ever-abundant, ever-springing love, which overpowers and sweeps away the vexations of life by its own richness and strength, and which, above all things, unites us to Him who is the fountain and the centre of all mercy, loving-kindness, and joy.—John Henry Newman.

Our Young People

Bringing Others to Christ.

Topic for Prayer Meeting Jan. 11.

John 1:40-45; 4:6-10; Mark 5:19, 20.

Suggestive Thoughts on Topic.

Christ asked very few to come to Him; most men were brought to Him by other disciples. That is His plan for the spread of His kingdom. It is the way the waves spread in the sea. Far out in the ocean the wind is blowing. It moves the water up and down, and that water gives an impulsion to the water next to it and then returns to its place, and so on till the wave reaches the shore. Thus the waves are ceaselessly swaying back and forth even in places where there is not the slightest breeze.

What are we doing to propagate Christianity? It is just as much your business and mine to bring men to Christ as it is the preacher's. Bringing men to Christ does not require eloquence, or learning, or skill of any kind. All it requires is that we know where Christ is, and love Christ and men enough to want to bring men where Christ is.

To know where Christ is we must have a personal experience of Him. The reason why so few Christians are doing practical evangelistic work is because so few Christians are passionately in love with Christ. When you are very proud of a friend, you are eager to introduce others to him.

Do not make a difficult thing of it. It need be no more difficult than introducing some one to your earthly friend. "Here is my friend, Jesus Christ. I love Him so much that I want you to love Him. He has helped me so much that I want Him to help you." That, in substance, is all there is to it. It can be done by a sentence or two in a conversation, and there are many chances for such sentences if you will only watch for them. It can be done beautifully in a letter, and I wonder that so few make use of this effective method. Sometimes it can be done just by the gift of a book. Sometimes just by a picture. You are not confined to one way.

Our Christian Endeavor Decision Day is coming—February 1. Is not this just the kind of work Christ would like to have us do in preparation for that day?

Pithy Paragraphs.

Every new Christian that is made is a new argument, and an invincible one, for the truth of the gospel.

Andrew has a fine record in the Bible. Wherever he is mentioned, except in the mere list of the apostles, he is mentioned as bringing some one to Christ. First he brought his brother to Him as soon as he knew Him.

Three thousand were converted in a day by Peter's preaching, while Andrew, so far as we have record, converted only one man. Was he therefore worth only one three thousandth as much as Peter? Not for he converted Peter, and without him there might have been no pentecostal sermon at all. No one knows how immensely he is adding to his own life and influence when he brings a soul to Christ.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

The Mystery.

BY H. M. MCCLUSKY.

All life is a mystery. From the apparently senseless hulk, development can be traced through the various stages of growth to the matchless beauty of the blossom; yet the life principle is still enshrouded in mystery. The single seed is planted and lo! it reproduces itself a thousand fold; the result is evident, but there remains an unexplained secret.

In God's Word there is reference made to a deeper, more glorious mystery; many times it is called, "The Mystery." "Even the mystery which has been hid from all generations; but now it has been manifested to His saints; to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery." How very wonderful it all is! That God should have so loved the human family that to its members alone He has revealed His most glorious secret. And what is this mystery? "Even Christ, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden." In Him was the fruition of all the sacrifices and offerings, the glorious temple services so full of mysterious grandeur; and the prophetic visions looking far down the ages, all foreshadowed the coming of the Christ. He fulfilled all the law so that everyone of His followers may stand "complete in Him." Restless heart, in Him you may find peace, if you will; just now He is saying to you, "Come unto me."

This is distinctively the message of the Church; often Paul refers to it. In one place he says, "That God may open unto us and door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ." Not only from the pulpit must the theme be presented—and so limitless is it that the ages of eternity can not exhaust it—but let it echo and re-echo from those who have heard the marvellous story. It is peculiarly appropriate in this the gladder time of all the year, to consider how exceedingly precious are God's thoughts toward us, because these days commemorate the beginning of the revelation of the mystery. But only the beginning; so, dear heart, if with new enthusiasm, consecration, and singleness of purpose you give yourself to God, the mystery unfolds, the glories deepen and there follows a blessedness that makes every season a joy and each last one the most beautiful of all.

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For Daily Reading.

Mon., Jan. 5.—By consistent living. Acts 4:12-16.
Tues., Jan. 6.—By ready sympathy. 1 Pet. 3:8-12.
Wed., Jan. 7.—By moral courage. Acts 4:13-20.
Thurs., Jan. 8.—By personal appeals. Acts 26:25-29.
Fri., Jan. 9.—By prayer and faith. Mark 7:25-30.
Sat., Jan. 10.—By enthusiasm. Mark 2:1-12.
Sun., Jan. 11.—Topic, Bringing others to Christ. John 1:40-45; 4:6-10; Mark 5:19, 20.