

"TAKE MY LIFE."

TAKE my life and let it be  
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
 Take my moments and my days,  
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
 Take my hands and let them move,  
 At the impulse of Thy love;  
 Take my feet and let them be,  
 Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
 Take my silver and my gold,  
 Nothing now I would withhold.

"Take my will and make it Thine,  
 Better than than longer mine,  
 Take myself and let me be,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee."

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THE JUVENILE SIDE OF CHAUTAUQUA.

BY THE REV. DR. J. H. VINCENT.

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THE Chautauqua Young Folks' Reading Union (day of organization, Thursday, August 18, 1881) is designed to encourage among children and young folks right habits of reading and exploration in general history, literature, science, and the arts; to promote observation, inventiveness, helpfulness and handiness in practical matters; to prepare young people to enter and to enjoy "society;" to direct in legitimate recreations; and in every possible way to fill the early years of life with everything that tends to health, cheerfulness, reverence, self-control, unselfishness, fidelity to duty, and that highest "wisdom" which the good and great of all the ages have commended.

To these ends, READINGS, "Required" and "Suggested," are preparing for the members of the C. Y. F. R. U., under the supervision of a committee. These Readings include more or less of active experiment, exploration, and exercise, and suggest and inspire the formation of pleasant Local Circles or Branches.

The organ of the C. Y. F. R. U. will be *Wide-Awake*, which will contain monthly, in addition to its rich treasury of entertaining and instructive matter, a Supplement of articles in series, designed for the members of the Reading Union; and, in connection with this *Wide-Awake* Supplement, books of high character will from time to time be prepared and selected.

The Required Readings for the first year, beginning October 1st, 1881, embrace the several series in *Wide-Awake Magazine*, \$2.50 per year; also: "Stories from English History," in the

Lycoun Library (Phillips & Hunt N. Y.); "Behaving," delightful papers on Children's Etiquette, by Shirley Darc, author of "Ugly Girl Papers," (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston); and perhaps one other book to be announced later.

Special clubbing rates will be arranged at such low prices as to be greatly to the advantage of members of the C. Y. F. R. U.

The Suggested Readings, in addition to the Required Readings, consist of extracts from various volumes which are to be named in connection with articles in the Supplement, together with such articles in the body of *Wide-Awake* each month as shall be designated in the Supplement for that month.

At stated periods competitive examinations will be held by means of printed questions sent to each member. Upon the answers received will be based the award and rank of certificates.

The first or second Supplement (October or November *Wide-Awake*, 1881) will contain directions for joining the C. Y. F. R. U., together with all rules needful to be observed by members, explanations regarding examinations, and suggestions for the formation of Local Circles, &c.

Meantime, all those wishing to join the Reading Union may send their names and addresses to

Rev. J. H. Vincent, Plainfield, N. J.

THE "WIDE-AWAKE."

The attention of our readers is called to the charming magazine known as the "*Wide-Awake*," published in Boston, for the benefit of children and young people. It is equal to the *St Nicholas*; in some respects superior. It has been placed upon the new "Chautauqua Course of Reading for Young People." The price is reasonable; the articles brilliant; the course of study, of which it is a part, beautiful and useful. It will contain "Stories from English History," "Ways to Do Things," Twelve Papers on "Old Ocean;" Papers on Music, Art, Science, and Literature; Health and Strength Papers, etc., etc.; all splendidly illustrated. Each number will contain 80 large pages. The price will be \$2.50 a year. But to persons taking the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*, it will be given for \$1.50; that is, the *Magazine* and *Wide-Awake* will be given for \$3.50 (full price, \$4.50); *Magazine*, *Wide-Awake*, and *Guardian*, \$5.00 (full price, \$6.50). Subscriptions should be received by 25th December. Specimen numbers of *Wide-Awake* and *Magazine* sent for 10 cents each (full price, 20 cents each). A 16-page prospectus sent post free.

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THE BURNT-OFFERING—THE ALTAR. To illustrate Lesson for October 16. Lev. i. 1-4.

THE BURNT-OFFERING.

The burnt-offering was intended to show how sinners are saved and reconciled to God, through the death of Christ as the offering for sin. Each Israelite was called upon to bring some animal, either an ox, or a sheep, or a goat, as his offering to God. It must be living and perfect, to show that God must have the best and the first for his service. He brought it to the door of the tabernacle, and laid his hands upon its head. This was to show that the animal stood in his place before God, and bore his sins, just as Christ bore our sins upon his cross.

Then the beast was killed, and his blood was sprinkled around the altar. This was to point out that at some time Christ should come, to shed his blood and die for men's sins. Then the offering was cut in pieces, and laid upon the wood on the great altar, and all burned to ashes. This was to show that sins were entirely taken away, and none were left when the offering is given to God.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

As we wish our young readers to take an intelligent interest in the great events of the world around us, we shall from time to time give them the best information in our power on the leading topics of the age. Certainly, no event has so moved the heart of the world in our times as the death of the President of the United States. Not only in his own country, but throughout the world, is the deepest sorrow felt. England's Queen sends a loving message to his widow. In all the English-speaking world the flags at half-mast, and tolling bells, showed the sympathy felt for his death. We give the following account from an American paper of his death:

"At the President's bedside, holding his poor emaciated hand in her own, and watching with anguish unutterable the fast vanishing sands of life, sat the faithful, devoted wife during the closing hours of the President's career. Around him were other weeping friends and physicians, lamenting their powerlessness in the presence of the dark angel of death.

Toward the last the mind of the sufferer wandered. He was once more back in Mentor, amid those scenes where the happiest hours of his life were spent. He sat in the dear old homestead again, with loved ones around him; the aged mother, so proud of her big boy, the faithful wife and beloved children.

It was a blissful dream that robbed death of its terrors, and rendered the dying man for a moment unconscious of the cruel rending of his once vigorous frame that was constantly going on.

The moan of the restless ocean mingled with the sobs of loved ones, as the lamp of life flickered and went out for ever.

Nearly every one around the President clung to hope to the last, and refused to credit the approach of death until the shadow deepened and the destroyer's presence could be no longer unfelt.

Mrs. Garfield bore the trying ordeal with great fortitude, and exhibited unprecedented courage. She gave way to no paroxysms of grief, and after death became evident, she quietly withdrew to her own room. There she sat, a heart-stricken widow, full of grief, but with too much courage to exhibit it to those about her. She was laboring under a terrible strain, and despite her efforts, tears flowed from her eyes and her lips became drawn by her noble attempt to bear the burden with which she had been afflicted.

Miss Mollie was greatly affected, and bursts of tears flowed from the child's eyes, notwithstanding her noble efforts to follow the example of her mother."

The Editor of *PLEASANT HOURS* was in the city of Cincinnati when the sad event took place. The city was gay with flags and decorations in honour of the great Exhibition in progress. The news came late at night, the bells tolled all night long, and next day the city was draped in mourning, as described in the daily papers:

"The gay colors seen yesterday are being covered with the semblance of mourning. Where the evergreens and flowers were to be seen yesterday, crape will predominate to-day. Rejoicing has been turned to sorrowing, and tears from thousands of eyes take the place of the hearty, happy laugh."

On another page we give a sketch of the life of this good man.

ECONOMY IN YOUTH.

WHILE sensible people put no faith in fortune-telling, we may on general principles predict from a boy's habits whether he is likely to succeed or fail in life. When money burns in his pocket and he is impatient to spend all that comes into his possession; when he spends every cent of his salary, and then falls into debt; when he prefers to invest his earnings in cigars, handsome clothes, and amusements, to putting them at interest, we may safely predict that he will probably never attain wealth without a decided change of habits. It is not so much the amount saved as the habit of saving that is important.—*Faith and Works.*