

If I Could Only Know.

If I could only surely know
That all these things that fire me so
Were noticed by my Lord!
The pang that cuts me like a knife,
The noise, the weariness, the strife—
What peace it would afford!

I wonder if he really shares
In all these little human cares,
This mighty King of kings!
If he who guides through boundless space
Each blazing planet in its place,
Can have the condescending grace
To mind these petty things!

It seems to me, if sure of this,
Blent with each ill would come such bliss
That I might covet pain,
And deem whatever brought to me
The loving thought of Deity
And sense of Christ's sweet sympathy,
Not loss, but richest gain?

Dear Lord, my heart shall no more doubt
That thou dost compass me about
With sympathy divine.
The Love for me once crucified
Is not the love to leave my side,
But waiteth ever to divide
Each smallest care of mine.

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The Epworth League and the Christian Endeavour.

THERE is no hostility between these two great divisions of the King's army. They are fellow workers in the same great cause, fellow-soldiers under the same great Captain. The Epworth League is being so largely adopted in our Church because it is under our own denominational control and direction. No one can assume the right or authority to urge the general adoption of the Christian Endeavour Society, because it is not so immediately under the direction of our Church, and has not its official endorsement. This at least is the reason the present writer feels bound to promote to the utmost of his ability the society which has the sanction of the Church through its constituted authorities. We are, moreover, of opinion that it is in consequence of having this sanction that one hundred and twenty-five Leagues have been already formed where not twenty-five of any other young people's society would have probably been formed among us.

At the same time there is not the least reason in



SACRED COW OF THE HINDOOS.

the world why the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavour societies should not maintain reciprocal relations of the most kind and cordial character. As we have elsewhere said we should like to see a frequent interchange of Christian courtesy and kindly co-operation in Christian work. The personal record of the present writer vindicates his claim to be in hearty sympathy with inter-denominational unity and comity. We are glad therefore, that the following Catholic-spirited resolutions were adopted at the recent convention of the Christian Endeavour Societies at St. Louis.

Mr. Wm. Shaw, treasurer of the United Society, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"In order that the attitude of this society on the great questions of Christian union and fellowship be understood; therefore,

Resolved—That that the Christian Endeavour Society stands for no organic unity of the churches and nor for demolitions of denominations; that it deprecates as entirely outside of its province and contrary to its spirit all criticism or disparagement of the great ideas for which the several denominations stand. The fellowship that it seeks is that of common methods of work under a common name, for a common Lord; a fellowship upon the allegiance of every member to his own church; a fellowship which we believe will make larger and more efficient every church of every denomination that enters into it, and which will hasten the day when all shall be the Lord's and the whole world be united in unswerving hostility to sin and unswerving loyalty to Christ."

In addition to this the Rev. W. W. Andrews, B.A., of this city, proposed the following resolution, which was also adopted:

"As neither the United Society of Christian Endeavour nor its conventions exert any control over the local Societies and as the only Christian Endeavour bonds are those of a common love for the Master and the fellowship of like aims, principles and methods of work, and as we wish to range the young manhood and womanhood of the world under the motto 'For Christ and the Church,'

"Therefore be it resolved, that we welcome to the fellowship of our Unions and Conventions, any denominational society, which, as a guarantee of the adoption of our pledge and working methods, adopts our name in connection with any denominational name they may choose."

This means, we understand, that the department of Christian Work of any Epworth League can affiliate with the Christian Endeavour Societies by assuming the name of "The Christian Endeavour Society in connection with the Epworth League." The Christian Work Departments of the Epworth League are in essence societies for Christian endeavour, and there is to our mind no valid objection to combining the name, except that they become somewhat long and cumbersome. We would prefer that they should be welcomed without this condition; and we shall propose at the General Conference that the Society of Christian Endeavour, all kindred societies—the King's Daughters', King's Sons' and

the like—be cordially welcomed to all Epworth League conventions and meetings and invited to co-operate in Christian work.

As we come nearer to the Cross we shall feel that we come nearer also to one another.

Let this spirit be cultivated more and more, and in the near future Christians of the different Churches will discover, with a glad surprise, as they drink more deeply of the spirit of the Master, how near together and how much alike they are. Let all who name the name of Christ, join with heart and hand in a solemn league and covenant, first of Christian concord and friendship, and then of united effort to promote the glory of God in the highest, peace on earth and goodwill to men.

God is too near above, the grave beneath,
And all our moments breath
Too quick in mysteries of life and death

for us to spend a moment of time or a spark of energy in unchristian strife and antagonism.

As we stand a-nigh His cross;
And behold his grief and shame,
Trifling differences as dross,
Live but in their trifling name.
Hate and spite and party fall
Dead, when Christ is all in all.

"I Want to Be a Minister."

More than a century ago there lived in England an orphan boy with promising talents, who often said, 'I want to be a minister;' but having no money to carry out the great desire of his heart, his youthful spirit was often bowed to the earth by disappointed hope. Once a wealthy lady offered to pay his expenses at school if he would study and become a minister in her church; but the boy loved the church of his father, and could not be induced to leave his spiritual mother; so he respectfully declined the lady's kind offer. Afterward he visited a learned minister of his own Church, and asked the good pastor's advice in regard to studying for the ministry, but here he obtained no encouragement at all. The friendless boy went to God, and while he was engaged in fervent prayer, the mail-carrier knocked at the door of his dwelling, and handed him a letter from a friend of his father, with an effort to assist him in his studies for the ministry. Thus his desire was gratified, and he became one of the most useful ministers of England. His name was Philip Doddridge. We commend his example to all our young readers. The Lord wants many ministers. Great numbers who are now young boys must soon preach the Gospel. Let every boy ask this question, whether he should not engage in this work. We shall be concerned both about the duty of serving the Lord, and how we should serve him.