

PERSONALITY.

"That which constitutes an individual a distinct person." So personality is defined, and the fact is apparent to every one that there is an indelible something which differentiates individuals. The entire human family is created on one general plan yet no two persons are exactly alike, and these differing qualities are an important part of one's heritage; they bring added opportunities with the attendant responsibilities. A child realizes and appreciates his own individuality, he likes to be called by his name and teachers that are child-lovers obtain untold influence by appealing directly to the personality of each pupil. Let teachers in our Bible schools study the personality of the members of their class; they will find in the most uninteresting at least one point of contact and the quick response will more than compensate for the time and thought expended. Such a method stimulates growth and there comes to be a larger, finer personality, as the teacher leaves his impress upon the scholar, while he cultivates the natural, inherent characteristics. The Lord uses this method in the training of His people; even in the Old Testament it is written, "I have called thee by thy name"; and Christ said in the parable of the good shepherd, "He calleth His own sheep by name," and further on explains, "I am the good Shepherd, and I know mine own, and mine own know Me." In soul-winning, one's personality should be given, to be used of Jesus in His kingdom; and looking for the marked characteristics in the individual to be helped, use them as touchstones to the divine life. Joseph Parker said, "The solemn and awful fact is that every man has a constitution of his own, a peculiarity and speciality that makes him an individual and separates him from all other men, giving him an accent and a signature incommunicably his own, and that God deals with every man according to the conditions which the man himself supplies."

The personality of Christ Jesus is the center of the Christian religion. The Jews looked forward to His coming as a mighty deliverer and when He came in humiliation was rejected by them; they seemed incapable of applying to their Messiah the prophecies of a suffering Saviour, but they did look forward to One who should reign in regal splendor. The church, on the contrary, for a long time so emphasized His life of humiliation that the power and glory of the resurrection life was obscured. It is true that there could be no crown of life had there been no Calvary, neither could Calvary alone have brought life eternal. Paul said, "If Christ hath not been raised, ye are yet in your sins." But He has been raised from the dead and He has provided such power for His people that through Him their lives may be victorious. There is a seven-fold blessing promised to him that overcometh, and it is conditioned upon obedience to the ascended, living Christ, linked to Him by faith it is entirely possible. By the Holy Spirit the church through the varied personality of its members can interpret to the world the glory and beauty of Jesus our Lord; indeed, it is the only way that the world can have any conception of Him, His love and righteousness.

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Probably the strangest fan ever used was that employed one evening by Queen Victoria. At a signal from the Queen the company arose to return from the supper to the ballroom. Leaning on the arm of the Prince Consort, Her Majesty entered the ballroom smiling and bowing, and fanning herself with a huge table fork! In a moment of forgetfulness she had picked up from beside her plate, not the fan at which she had aimed, but a particularly substantial piece of cutlery.

THE APPEAL TO CIVIL COURTS.

The spectacle of a minority in the Cumberland Presbyterian church waging a legal war with the majority against union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, has its pathetic as well as its tragic side. It illustrates how people become attached to a mere name, and the traditions associated with that name. No one seriously doubts, we suppose, that the ancient eastward known as "Cumberlands," will have liberty in the proposed union to believe and teach according to their convictions. Nor can any one fail to see that the union will help to solve many local problems and reinforce many weak churches and institutions; that it takes one more denomination out of the way, and to that extent is in the interest of Christian unity. But, as against all these motives, there is the attachment to a mere name, and possibly the fear of some that they may lose prestige and leadership in the larger body. In any event the minority is seeking to secure an injunction from the courts to prevent the Assembly at Decatur from consummating the union which now only requires a majority vote of that body. Even if defeated in this there will no doubt be a great lawsuit for the control of the property, which amounts to about seven million dollars. The decision of that lawsuit will be one of far-reaching influence in controlling the action of other religious bodies having courts of judicature, in seeking to unite their forces.—Christian Evangelist (Disciples).

TEMPER SPOILERS.

(By Christina Ross Frame.)

It was a small matter that upset the peace and goodwill of Aunt's breakfast table; or at least it seemed so to me. I was surprised to hear Uncle's sharp, fault-finding words in regard to such a trifling matter. Aunt's pale face became a sallow pater, the older children exchanged significant glances, and the younger children went stolidly on with their meal, as if the outburst of irritability were a part of the daily life.

Uncle made a hearty breakfast in spite of his fault-finding words; then went out to his office; but the arrow he had shot, of unjust, petty complaint, went home to the mark rather and deeper than he thought. As the days went by, I could not but observe the effect of this most insidious of voices.

Uncle was a successful business man, generous and charitable where money was concerned, and agreeable with outsiders; but in his own household, blindly destroying the peace and comfort of the home, by his habit of continual fault-finding. His children were growing up to be critical and carping and with finer feelings caloused. To the older members, the fault-finding an almost insupportable misery. Uncle, too, suffered from the effects of his uncurbed habit. His originally bright disposition had become warped and soured. He saw the indifference of his children, and he must have suffered through this knowledge; but the unlovely habit had become second nature.

Fault-finding is a most insidious evil. It grows apace, and becomes established as a habit before the person who practices it is aware of its influence. It is a sin that is underestimated in the valuation of character. Fault-finders are always peace-destroyers and temper spoilers in the home. The burden of their own misdeeds, their lack of self-control, their want of judgment, will always be shifted upon some unoffending member of the family. We all know plenty of things to find fault with, for "we are prone to trouble as the sparks fly upward."

When tempted, refrain; bridle your tongue. It is easier to avoid a fault than to break off an acquired habit.

Halifax, N.S.

CORNER STONE TRULY LAID.

A very large assembly gathered on the 3rd inst., to witness the laying of the corner stone of the McDonald's Corner.

It was an occasion of more than usual significance to the community; and the enthusiasm of the people more than met the occasion. For several years the new church movement had been talked of and hoped for. On December 1st, the first mass meeting was called in the old church, and a representative committee entrusted with the shaping of definite plans. Too soon was the active work of the committee affected by unforeseen losses, when William Gardner and Jas. I. Duncan were called away by death, and the chairman, William Brownlee, removed temporarily to the west. The work however went on and in December, 1905, the first instalments of subscribers were paid in. 1906 A.D. having been the bi-centennial of the honored founder of Scottish Presbyterianism, John Knox, the new edifice by the resolution of the congregation is to be known as Knox church.

Since December activity has been the passport. The plans were let to Henry P. Smith, architect, Kingston; Mr. W. H. Harvey, cement contractor, Deseronto, was awarded the mason work, the manufacture and building of the hollow concrete blocks. Mr. W. McLennaghan, of Perth undertakes the woodwork.

Early in June the work began. The men of the congregation labored hard in the removal of the revered old building, the excavation of the basement, the hauling of sand, gravel, cement.

The committee is indebted to many from Elphin and Snow Road who assisted.

It is this great amount of work freely done, which will give a splendid church at moderate cost. But apart from the economy of construction, it did their hearts good to witness that deep, thorough, and reverent zeal for the work of God displayed by so many strong lives.

Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. the corner stone was laid during the inspiring ceremony. This was not the first stone of the foundation, but a corner stone in the middle of the wall. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Guy, B.D., called the assembly to worship with appropriate sentences and announced the opening hymn—number 408, Rev. D. C. McIntosh, B.A., Lancaster, read from the Word of God the 84th Psalm. Rev. W. McDonald, B.D., offered the dedicating prayer. Thereupon, the pastor placed in the stone for future generations a memorial of congregational interests.

The trowel was given to Mrs. Andrew McInnes, chosen by the people, to this position of honor and esteem, as the oldest member of the congregation; and gracefully she tapped and declared the stone well and truly laid. Rev. J. M. Miller, Watson's Corners, concluded what was to all a very social and impressive service with hymn 470, prayer and the benediction.

A word concerning the energetic pastor of this progressive congregation is certainly in place. Mr. Guy is a graduate of Queens, 1901. He was appointed to Bath, and ordained missionary for two years, and was called to McDonald's Corners on April 5th, 1903. Mr. Guy is a tireless worker.

The members of the building committee are:—Wm. Brownlee (chairman), Wm. Dunlop, Mathew Donald, John McInnes, Walter Geddes, John G. Barr, Robert Harper, W. A. Guy (Wm. Gardner and Jas. T. Duncan, deceased).

Those appointed trustees of new church:—Walter Geddes, Wm. McKinnon, Thomas Duncan, James J. Scott.

A good programme of music, readings, and addresses by Revs. McIntosh and McDonald was much enjoyed. The net proceeds amounted to \$100.

Christ's love is like a spring of water by the roadside. There is always a cup for the thirsty.