

Knocked on my sullen heart in vain :
 Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
 And stab my spirit broad awake."

What joy in these petitions : "Call us up with morning faces and morning hearts"; "Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling"; "As the sun lightens the world, so let our loving kindness make bright this house of our habitation."

If we are to greet our fellows with the "glorious morning face" and take away the reproach of dreariness from much of our religious life, we must win that joy that awakens and strengthens. It is *the joy in God*, and it alone can make our holiness a thing of beauty and grace.

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Duty or Love

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Duty has inspired many a brave deed and impelled men to much self-sacrifice. It has occupied a high place in the ethics of daily action. The soldier does his duty on the field of battle. The employee considers it to be his duty to be faithful to his employer's interests. The official speaks of fulfilling his duty. The Sunday School teacher feels compelled, by a sense of duty, to be present to greet the pupils and lead them in the study of God's word. Duty has been exalted to occupy a very prominent place in our moral and religious life. When men are obeying the call of duty, they often suppose they are living up to the highest standard which can be placed before them.

It is worth while for us to pause and ask if duty is indeed the highest call which can come to us. Is there any appeal from a higher source which can reach us? In answering this question it is significant to notice that Christ never asked men to merely do their duty to Him. On the contrary He clearly indicated that the mere discharge of our duty is not sufficient : "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do." We should go beyond duty, and obey a higher law.

Jesus clearly announced the law which is

higher than duty. It is found in the thrice-repeated question addressed to Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" The same law of life is found in His address in the upper room, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." The apostle Paul gives us the same call. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." The call of love is everywhere found in scripture as our highest summons to service.

The work needed in our schools and churches to-day is the "labor of love." Let the teacher be present on the Sabbath because he loves his pupils, and has a message of love from the Redeemer for them; then his class will be an object of new interest for him. Not merely his duty to Christ will impel to this service; but his love for Christ and for the souls of the children will constrain him. And now abide both duty and love as motives and inducements for Christian work, but the greater of these is love.

St. John, N.B.

The Only Way

By L. M. Montgomery

To chisel a statue unerringly
 From the formless marble to symmetry,
 How firm must the hand of the sculptor be !
 Deep in his brain must he shape the thought
 Ere in loveliness of stone it be wrought,
 Hard must he toil at his great design,
 Ere the work be perfect in curve and line.

To paint a picture that holds in fee
 The treasure of beauty's alchemy,
 How skilful the hand of the artist must be !
 Ere the vast conception that burst to bloom
 In his soul, on the canvas fair finds room,
 Many and long are the patient days
 He must give to his task to win its praise.

To shape a life into harmony
 With God's plans for it, gracious and free,
 How true must the hand of the workman be !
 Not in a day may the task be done,
 Not with ease may success be won,
 Hard must we work and aspire and pray—
 Earnest toil is the only way !

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