

Miss Scott concluded a very interesting address by giving sketches of the work being done in Toronto.

It is a problem in social economics whether those girls who have comfortable homes, and do not need to work, should do so and perhaps take the wage from a needier sister. The answer is usually that they do not wish to be idle. Here is a field of honorable work for such; work in which they may develop to the utmost the talents entrusted to them. To single out one department, can anything be nobler than the work among little children? those tiny travellers of whom Longfellow thought when he wrote:

"Oh little feet, that such long years  
Must wander on through toil and tears;  
I, nearer to the Wayside Inn,  
Where toil shall cease and rest begin,  
Am weary, thinking of your load."

If we could but stand at the "Beautiful Gate" and watch the Master welcoming the tiny travellers, already weary with life's journey, the sight would well repay the sacrifice, and we would esteem it the most precious privilege of our lives to have had the honor of ministering to those little ones "whose angels do always behold the face of their Father in heaven."

Who, then, would not like to be "a King's messenger" to such as these—laboring faithfully in the colony until they themselves go to stand in the immediate presence of the King?

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### Consecrating the Will.

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THE human will is a God-like characteristic. It is that which proclaims us more than the brute creation. It makes man equal with God. Man wills, and nothing, no one, not even God Himself, can prevent. I need not stay to elaborate this thought; you will acknowledge its correctness. You will to be saved, you will be saved. You deliberately elect to live regardless of an endless future. God provides a free and full salvation. He wills you to partake of it. But unless you will to accept it, God cannot save you.

Oh! what an awful responsibility is placed upon us in this power to choose. Do we really understand it in all its solemnity? I think not. How many of us boast of our strong personality. In arrogant pride we say we have wills of our own; no one thinks or acts for us; we do these

for ourselves. Yet Christ expects us to surrender our wills to His. I do not think He commands this. He does not wish to break our wills or destroy our individuality. I remember a lady once expostulating with a mother for whipping so severely her sixteen months' old infant. The poor deluded mother replied: "I must break that child's will, or the Lord will have a terrible time with her." A broken will is a broken bow. The parent who attempts to break a child's will is not fit to be a parent. Of course, you know what is best for the child, and you want that its will conform to yours. But you can best bend the child's will to yours by the gentle drawings of love. And so, Christ does not coerce us into being conformed to His will; He woos us by the winsomeness of love. We were wayward, wandering outcasts; Christ said, "Come, and I will give you rest." We wanted rest; we found it in Him. What is the first impulse of a regenerated soul? Is it not a burning desire to serve Him who has so generously pardoned? With a heart overflowing with love it is easy to utter, in true submission, the prayer, "Thy will be done." This does not mean a passive submission alone; it involves actual and active service—performing as well as suffering His will.

What does it mean to consecrate the will? It means an obedient self-surrender. Jesus died to redeem the world. We must toil to save those who are lost. He wills that broken hearts be bound up, prison doors be opened, captives set free, the sick visited, ignorance educated, poverty alleviated. Conformed to His will, we will gladly and cheerfully do all these things. As God has entered into Christ, so Christ will enter into us. As He was patient, so we will become patient. As He is strong, we can become strong. As He is pure, we will become pure. As He is the Son of God, so we can become the sons of God.

What does it mean to consecrate the will? It means that you are to be Christ's disciples. You will tread where He has trod. You will take up His cross and suffer as He has suffered. The secret of His life will be the secret of your life. Christ is the servant of God. We are the servants of God. He is the light of the world. We will be lights of the world. He is the one eternal sacrifice. We are to present our bodies living sacrifices before God. He is dead. We are to die with Him. He is risen. We are to rise with Him.

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