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## Hitherto.

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**H**ITHERTO, the Lord hath led us  
On our pilgrim way.  
Hitherto, the Lord hath fed us,  
Blessed us day by day.  
Hitherto, the Lord hath brought us,  
Step by step along;  
When we wandered He hath sought us;  
Praise Him in a song!

Hitherto, through all our years,  
Shielded 'neath His wings,  
Saved from all our doubts and fears,  
Saved from evil's stings;  
Hitherto, we've climbed the mountain,  
Rugged, thorny, steep;  
Hitherto, we've found the fountain,  
Cool, refreshing, deep.

Hitherto, the heavy storm-cloud,  
Darkling o'er our head,  
Seemed, but only seemed, our hope's shroud:  
Blessings from it shed.  
Here our Ebenezer raising  
For all mercies past,  
Onward marching, blessing, praising,  
Home we'll reach at last.

Hitherto—and now before us  
Lies another year;  
Mists and clouds hang thickly o'er us,  
Shall we falter, fear?  
Hitherto—the pledge and token,  
Guidance yet in store;  
Hitherto—our first word spoken  
On the heav'nly shore.

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## Editorial Talk.

It is the privilege of a large number of the young people of our societies to have a part in the fruitful work of imparting instruction in the Sunday-school. No nobler sphere of service is conceivable. To the teacher is committed the divine ministry of revealing God to the soul, and of laying the foundation of imperishable excellence and happiness. The series of lessons from the Gospel of John afford exceptional opportunities of bringing home to the minds of the young, not only the fact of the real deity of Jesus, but also of increasing their admiration for His perfect and glorious humanity. The mists of the years,

the din and dust of controversy, and the want of historic simplicity has led to conceptions of Christ that are vague and unreal, minimizing the force of His example and robbing the Incarnation of its meaning. Carlyle, in a certain place, has spoken of Jesus of Nazareth as our Divinest Symbol, "whose significance will ever anew demand to be anew inquired into and anew made manifest." It is the supreme duty of the teacher to make Jesus Christ known as He actually lived, to cause Him to stand out as the Central Figure of history. Let the scholars look upon His life as a real human life. Endeavor to make Christ live again before them. Present Him as the full "Imago Christi," so really and so attractively that they shall long to be like Him. Any one who will do this for a girl or boy will render a service that words cannot express or time unfold.

THE tendency in all our societies is to fall into a routine, and to carry on the work in a humdrum fashion without any special effort toward advancement. Christian Endeavor Day should mark the beginning of an advance movement in each society. Just think of what these eighteen years have to tell us! The single society of 1881 has multiplied until now there are over 55,000, with a membership of more than 3,000,000. All lands are now embraced in this world-encircling movement. Everywhere there has been steady progress. But what every society should aim at is progress within its own borders. There is not a society within the Dominion which need fail to find a field for aggressive work in its own immediate neighborhood. Only a fraction of the young people in any community have been reached for Christ. It ought to be expected that at least once a year the district in which the society is situated should be carefully canvassed and an earnest endeavor be made to bring in every young man and woman.

The evangelistic spirit is essential to Christian Endeavor, and this spirit must seize hold of every member. The particular part of the Lord's vineyard for which our society is specially responsible is in no danger of being overworked. The field is wide, the laborers are few, and the idlers crowd the market-places. There is work, and hard work, too, and plenty of it for all. Into the harvest field the strongest may go and fill his bosom with grain at every sweep of the sickle.

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