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Good Wishes

Oh that mine eyes might closed be
To what concerns me not to see;
That deafness might possess mine ear
To what concerns me not to hear;
That truth my tongue might ever tie
From ever speaking foolishly;
That no vain thought might ever rest
Or be conceived in my breast;
That by each word, and deed, and
thought,
Glory may to my God be brought.
But what are wishes? Lord, my eye
On Thee is fixed, to Thee I cry—
Wash, Lord, and purify my heart,
And make it clean in every part;
And when 'tis done, Lord, keep it so,
For that is more than I can do.

—An Old Poet.

The Western Secretary.—The new Associate General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, for the West, is Rev. J. A. Doyle, whose photo adorns our front page this month. Mr. Doyle received his training at Albert College and Victoria University, and was ordained at the Hamilton Conference in 1900, going almost immediately after to Saskatchewan, where he has been eminently successful in Christian work. On his first circuit, by his tireless energy, organizing power, evangelistic and missionary zeal, a great spiritual quickening of the community resulted, followed by the erection of a beautiful church, and the support of a missionary in the Battleford District. Similar success has attended his labors at Lumsden, where he is now stationed, and his people have shown their appreciation by increasing his salary from \$800 to \$1,200. Mr. Doyle is a good speaker, and an earnest worker. His face indicates kindness of heart and goodness of character. The extensive field to which he has been assigned will afford a sphere in which all the qualities with which he is endowed will be called into exercise.

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First Start in Life.—Mr. John D. Rockefeller recently contributed an article for an English newspaper on "How I Became the Richest Man in the World," in which he makes a statement which ought to be very significant to young men. "If I were to give one reason among others," says he, "for securing my first position in business, my first start in life, it would be that I had the good fortune to be associated in early boyhood, in Church and in school, with good young men. The association in which I found occupation in Church, in Sunday School, and in the Young

Men's Christian Association, helped me more than I can tell to make a beginning, to get a position and an opportunity to begin my life work." It ought to be known among young men everywhere to-day that Christian character is one of the finest commercial assets they can have. Mr. Rockefeller goes on to say: "I beg every young man not to put off identifying himself with the Christian Church. It was the greatest blessing that could have come to me. I not only united with the Church as a boy of fourteen, but went right to work. They found a place for me, and I was happy in the work. It was not all business. That was the part I enjoyed."

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Ministers' Salaries.—Apropos of ministers' salaries, the Interior speaks right out in meeting to this import: "In thousands of churches, if the responsible officers would only sit down together and count up what it costs them to keep their own families going, they would quickly realize that their pastors have not enough to live on. Instead, however, of this business-like way of estimating the pastor's needs, the average board of trustees begins at the other end of the problem and proceeds to ascertain what the various members of the church feel like giving. And the preacher puts up with what they happen to get."

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The Closed Door.—Rev. Dr. Gilbert, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, of Cincinnati, has a most interesting descriptive article of the city of Montreal, in a recent issue of his paper. In describing the churches he speaks of the difficulty he experienced in securing admission to St. James Methodist Church on a week-day. His remarks apply to nearly all of our large city churches: "St. James Methodist Church is one of the most imposing of the Protestant churches, and we gained entrance through a small door in the rear. It seemed at first that we could not break into the building at all, since the front doors and gates were strongly locked and barred. Such a policy on the part of our Methodist denomination contrasts strangely, and much to our discredit, with that of the other city churches (Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal), which are generally open to visitors. One day we went into the Church of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, in the down-town district, in the region of the Bon Secours Market. The church commemorates in its name the many escapes of the colony from destruction by the Iroquois Indians. We noted with satisfaction, that even on a week-day, the market men entered in their

blouses, and with their bale-hooks in their belts, for a few moments of meditation and prayer. It might have been superstition, but we were in no mood to criticize it, and wished that in like manner our down-town Protestant churches were open to our business men and working-men for a few minutes of rest and spiritual meditation, and that they might imitate the example of the Catholic worshippers."

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Duty First.—Nasmyth, the great engineer, said toward the close of his successful life: "If I were to compress into one sentence the whole of my experience, and offer it to young men as a rule and certain recipe for success in any station, it would be comprised in these words: 'Duty first, pleasure second.' From what I have seen of young men and their after called 'bad fortune,' 'ill luck,' is in nine cases out of ten, simply the result of inverting the above maxim." It is curious how few men who have deserved and won success believe in "luck." Or perhaps it is not curious, but logical—they know better.

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Well Translated.—The American Bible Society has received permission from President Roosevelt to translate into Bohemian, Polish, Italian and several other languages, his address on the Bible, delivered before the Long Island Bible Society in 1901. It has already been printed in Japanese, Tagalog, Spanish and Arabic.

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Amusements.—A parliamentary has given an excellent answer to the question regarding amusements, which it will pay every young person to carve deeply upon the tablet of memory: "Whatever will elevate your mind and heart and fit you the better for your duties on the morrow is all right for you."

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Four Good Rules.—Robert Collyer had four "longevity rules" which took him past the fourscore mark, and are good even for the shortest life. Here they are: "Cultivate a good temper. Lead a natural life. Eat moderately of the food which agrees with you. Keep on the sunny side of the street."

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Start Right.—It was a shrewd observer who once remarked, "Be pleasant until ten o'clock in the morning; the rest of the day will take care of itself." It is the daily start that sets the pace for the rest of the day. A shining morning face is half the battle.