

Our Young People

My Neighbor.

Topic for June 3.—"How to be a good neighbor."—Luke 10:25-37.

Who gives not, lives not.

How to be a Good Neighbor.

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Topic—Such neighborliness as is here commended is that which knowledge of God, His works, His will, begets in men.

See plastic Nature working to this end,
The single atoms to each other tend,
Attract, attract'd to, the next in place,
Form'd and impell'd its neighbor to embrace.

Nature is always so wise in every department that if we knew her workings better, the sin against God, the wrong to ourselves and others of unneighborliness, would be understood. If this truth be so forced upon us while we stand on but the lowest rung of the ladder, how much more shall we know from the written or incarnate Word. How shall we act when we indeed realize that man is created in the image of God, that God hath made of one blood all nations of men. Then we shall be neighborly as members of the kingdom of God. Knowing God as our Father, and men as our brethren, the conduct of the good Samaritan will be the rule and not the exception. To have and to act on such knowledge is to be truly human; is to have the life He came to give. That one lacking all the Samaritan lacked, should have acted as he did, shows how the Divine is struggling for expressions in man, and how there are many not far from the kingdom.—They need but the Spirit of Truth to lead them into all truth, and make them free.

Monday.—For one's life to be hid with Christ in God, is for a person, what to move according to its law in its orbit is for a planet, what to be rooted in the soil, according to its law, is for a plant. God has made us for Himself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Him. So long as this life is self-centred there can be no peace, no progress (growth), but only inquietness and the withering of selfishness. Man surely was not created in the image of God to be fashioned according to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of his mind, to come into harmony with the will and plan of God. The remembrance of such truths leads to good Samaritanism. The second heading on this phase of the topic shows how that for us to belovers of self, rather than of God, leads to deplorable results.

Tuesday.—It must surely be numbered among the mercies of God that it is our privilege to present our bodies, ourselves to Him. To avail oneself of the privilege is the beginning of such a life as is commended in this chapter. The worthy family feeling is here commended to the church. It needs no careful reasoning to be led to see how this will have a salutary effect on the family, on the world, on the

church itself and on the individual. Christ preferred taking on Himself the form of a servant to grasping at His equality with God. To understand that such a preference was made by Him for our benefit, surely ought to constrain us to prefer one another—for what will not the true Christian follower do for a brother for whom Christ died?

Wednesday.—The recognition of Jehovah as Lord is what is necessary to the carrying out of such neighbourly principles as are here commended. Such recognition leads the powerful man to see how his neighbours case as his own is before God; how he must be to his hired servant, as he has been led to know God has been to him. The weakling—deaf and blind—he must have a care for, inasmuch as his own master pities all men like as a father pitieth his children—and in his family the weaker members have a double portion of love and tenderness. All who recognize the overlordship of God do their work as laborers with Him.

Thursday.—Such a revival is of the Lord: to become ours, when we make use of the appointed means. Stirring up those who encourage, waiting to renew the strength of the weak, in the Lord. How unfortunate it is that our eyes are hidden, so that we cannot see this? How unfortunate it is that our hearts are such that we do not understand this? Instead of such helpfulness as is here spoken of this syndicate and that trust is formed so that any strength the weaker organization may have is crushed. Legislation cannot effect deliverance from such conditions: for neighborliness is the outcome of love.

Friday.—As surely as we try to enumerate, by rule of thumb, what neighborhood courtesies are we shall find ourselves guilty of the conduct of the priest and the Levite. Except there be a realisation of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men, in Christ, going to or staying away from a neighbour's house will count for very little. The mistakes that can be made are altogether innumerable so that unless love be the constraining power these wished-for courtesies that give a charm to living shall be lacking.

Saturday.—The one who is true to God may be trusted to be true to his country and his friend. To be true to God is to be enabled to form friendships that shall be eternal. What friendships Abraham, the friend of God formed, with those of his own time, and with millions who lived after him. Such friendships are for ever. In the company of his Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, it will be delightful to be as the good Samaritan, for such companionship means the end of a self-

centred life as the life-motto of such is, "For me to live is to Christ:" preferring one another becomes the law of one's being: ideal neighborliness is continually sought after, so that a revival of neighborliness is continuous and ever-increasing to the delightful multiplying of appreciated neighbourhood courtesies, and to closer communion with the Friend who when heart and flesh fail us will be the strength of our hearts and our portion forevermore.

Which Are You?

Two kinds of people on earth. I ween,
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.

And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?

Or are you a leener, who let others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

By Faith Alone.

Salvation by faith is not an arbitrary decree, or an unreasonable doctrine. It is easy to say that we must be saved or lost according to our works, and within certain definitions that is true. But whence come the works? How shall we influence men to good works? How shall we make ourselves strong to do what is right? There must be something brought into the life from without, for, as with water, we cannot of ourselves rise above ourselves. How shall that we need be brought from without into the life? How otherwise than by faith? How can we draw anything from God otherwise than by faith in God? The bible doctrine of justification by faith is in perfect harmony with the mental constitution which God gave to man. Nor, as far as we can see, would it be possible to save us otherwise. Jesus said, and the simple word sums it all up: Believe in the light that ye may be the children of the light.

How the Queen Lives.

The Queen, says M.A.P., rises early and goes to bed late. When she first awakens a cup of cocoa, prepared by the "Chocolate Woman" of the Royal household, is brought to her by her dresser. After rising, the Queen partakes of an ordinary English breakfast at nine o'clock and at eleven, or a little later, she has a light "second breakfast," after the German fashion; but in her case it merely consists of carefully made bouillon an egg beaten up in wine, or a delicate sandwich. Luncheon, at two, is her meal of the day. Tea is served always in beautiful Sevres china at 4:30 and at 8:45 the great little Lady sits down to dinner.

Like many hard workers, the Queen believes implicitly in beef as a sustaining food, and the day never passes but what beef, cooked in some form, either hot or cold, is eaten by her. Of wine she takes little. Her Majesty always showed unbounded faith in the advice of Sir William Jenner, and it was he who drew up the scheme of careful dietary she still follows which, together with her extraordinary love for fresh air, is said to be one of the reasons why she has preserved her health in so remarkable a way.