

Y. P. S. C. E. TOPIC.

For March 19, 1905.

Glorifying God in Our Daily Work.

Mat 5: 13-16; Rom. 12: 11.

Of all ways of glorifying God, the best is to do it in connection with one's daily life and work. God manifests His own glory chiefly in this way, not so much in the miraculous and supernatural, as in the standing wonders of His every day activities. "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge," Ps. 19: 2. The abiding charm of Jesus' personality and the influence of His name do not rest so much upon His miracles as upon His daily living and daily dying among men.

We have not sufficiently emphasized this way of glorifying God. We have been slow to perceive the glory of the common place; we have drawn too hard and fast the line between the sacred and the secular. We have treated religion too much as a thing of times and seasons, of special acts and states of experience, instead of an influence that permeates and influences all of life. Too often have we lost sight of the Master's "Inasmuch" (Matt. 25: 40), and the great apostle's, "Whatsoever" 1 Cor. 10: 31.

This view of glorifying God introduces a new motive into all service, and, as quaint George Herbert says, "makes every action fine." It dignifies and ennobles the meanest occupation, and gilds with a new glory the ordinary highways of human activity. The growth of this idea will accomplish more for fidelity and effectiveness in service than all the rules and safeguards which human ingenuity can devise.

And men are coming round now to regard this as a test of a man's religion. "If religion is not good for everything, it is good for nothing," is a motto of the modern mind. The critical eyes of the world are not content with prayers and subscriptions and church-going as evidences of faith. In addition to these, they watch for patience, honesty, fidelity, and thoroughness in the prosecution of one's daily work.

This is a way, moreover, in which average Christians can glorify God. It lies ready to our hand, requiring no special gift and demanding no extra time, and affords an opportunity continuous as the living day. The testimony, borne to Christ in this way is quiet and unobtrusive, and the influence exercised, most convincing and abiding, because indirect and unconscious.

It is often the case, however, that this way of glorifying God requires the greatest grace. The unromantic and unappreciated character of our daily round of duty requires that we understand the saying of the Master, "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me, Luke 9: 23.

Daily Readings.—M.—Religion in little tasks, 1 Sam. 16: 10-3. T.—Neglecting no talent, Matt. 25: 24-30. W.—A faithful servant, Luke 12: 42-48. T.—Peaceably, Matt. 5: 21-26. F.—Honestly, Luke. 19: 7-10. S.—Using every chance, Matt. 25: 4-17. Sun. Topic—Glorifying God in our Daily Work. Matt. 5: 13-16; Rom. 12: 11.

A VACATION OPPORTUNITY.

Conference for Leaders Silver Bay on Lake St. George.

The Young People's Missionary Movement announces the dates of July 21-30 for the Annual Conference of Young People's Leaders, to be held at Silver Bay on Lake George, N.Y.

Among the speakers that the Committee is able to announce at this time, are Hon. Samuel B. Capen, Pres. John F. Goucher, Bishop James M. Thorburn, Mr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. John R. Mott, Dr. F. Mason North, Dr. Stephen J. Herben, Mr. John Willis Baer, Dr. William M. Bell, Dr. A. L. Phillips, Dr. E. E. Chivers, Dr. R. P. Mackay, Dr. T. H. P. Sailer, Messrs Von Ogden Vogt, Harry Wade Hicks, Don O. Shelton, S. Earl Taylor, John W. Wood, Harry S. Myers, Edmund D. Soper and Dr. F. C. Stephenson.

The program of the Conference is so arranged as to combine the largest possible benefit from Bible study and conference, with large opportunity for the out-of-door recreation that is essential in the vacation plans of the average Christian worker.

The first half hour of each day will be spent in quiet devotional Bible study under the leadership of Bishop James M. Thorburn, of Indiana, who has consented to serve as the Conference pastor. This will be followed by an hour of conference concerning approved methods of work in churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies. The third hour of the day will be given to home and foreign mission study classes. At eleven o'clock each day there will be platform addresses by prominent speakers, on missionary or devotional themes. The afternoon will be devoted entirely to rest and recreation, with an almost ideal environment of mountain and lake. The evening hour will be occupied by an open air vesper service, followed by denominational group meetings, where denominational representatives may formulate plans for the work of the ensuing year.

The purpose of this conference is to enable young people's missionary secretaries and leaders in Sunday school and young people's work to spend the day in uninterrupted conference and prayer in preparation for the work of the ensuing year. The conference is intended as a training school for the better equipment of leaders in the work of local churches and Sunday schools. Missionary Secretaries and other leaders bear testimony to the fact, that during the past two years these conferences have exerted a most pronounced influence upon

on the missionary activities and general spiritual life of the churches.

It is expected that denominational missionary secretaries for young people's work, and national, state and district officers of Sunday school and young people's organizations, will be present. In addition to these, a special invitation is given to churches, Sunday schools and young people's societies, to send one or more of their strongest young people as delegates to the Conference.

Additional information concerning the Conference may be had by addressing your Denominational Missionary Secretary in charge of Young People's Work, Rev. R. P. Mackay, 89 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ontario.

Faces have an influence that words can never have. The eyes, the brow, the lines of the whole visage, speak out as the tongue can never speak. The face is not merely physical; it changes inevitably as the inner man changes. Hard thought, evil desires, selfish ambitions, show through the countenance as in no other way. And the influence of these inner thoughts and purposes of ours is felt by those who merely look at us. It is not enough that we should have a care about words and deeds as influencing others; the very countenance itself, lighted from within, should speak forth a clean, wholesome message to all who look us in the eyes.—Great Thoughts.

Rev. W. Wilberforce Smith, of New York, is the newly elected president of Coe College, the strongest Presbyterian institution in Iowa. He succeeds Rev. S. B. McCormick, D. D., now the chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania, who for nearly five years led the college to its present excellent condition, both as to endowment and as to its standard of college work. Dr. Smith is a young man, and will find ample opportunity for work, and a fine body of men both lay and clergy, as his loyal supporters.

Maintain a holy simplicity of mind and do not smother yourself with a host of cares, wishes or longings, under any pretext.—Francis de Sales.

FOR DAILY READING.

Mon.—Seasoned with salt (Col. 4: 1-6.)
Tues.—Guarded lips (James 3: 1-13).
Wed.—Without guile (1 Peter 2: 13, 21-25).
Thurs.—Fearless to confess (Acts 26: 24-29).
Fri.—Wise in defense (1 Peter 3: 13-16).
Sat.—Honest, clean, and kind (Eph. 4: 22-29.)

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the Governor General.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for the prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis. Will be held

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th, 1905

AFTERNOON:—Railway Committee Room, House of Commons. 3 o'clock.

EVENING:—Normal School Assembly Hall, 8 o'clock.

Lecture by Dr. Adami, Montreal, on ADAPTATION and TUBERCULOSIS.

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