

anything which is not beautiful, and if we do not see beauty in things, it is only because our eyes are not opened yet; but some day when we stand with Him and see things in His light, all the horror and darkness will pass away, and everything which bears His signature will seem beautiful. We may not feel it to be beautiful, we may not see it to be beautiful, but we dare to believe that it is; and finally, in the very presence of God, the scales will fall from our eyes, and we shall see that He hath made everything beautiful in its time.

Do you love God? Do you live back in the heart of Christ? Do you know God? Oh, embosom yourself in Him! Let your life be hidden with Christ in God, and from that standpoint look out upon everything, and you will find that Paradise has come back; and you will hear God say of everything that He has made, "Behold, it is very good."—Christian Intelligencer.

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"Like Him."

"We know that we shall be like Him," 1 John 3: 2.

Oh how I long to be like Him,  
Like Him, in daily deed,  
Like Him, in word and action,  
Like Him, in sowing the seed,  
Like Him, when with the children,  
Like Him, amid the throng,  
Bearing my Burden like Him,  
Like Him, suppressing wrong.

Like Him, when soothing sorrows,  
Like Him, when wiping tears,  
Like Him, in lifting the fallen,  
Like Him, in chasing out fear,  
Like Him, when with the lonely,  
Cheering the heavy and sad,  
Bearing burdens for others,  
Making the mourners glad.

Like Him, when on the highway,  
Like Him, when in the home,  
Like Him, amid life's byways,  
Like Him, where'er I roam,  
Yes, like Him when on the mountain,  
Spending the hours in prayer,  
Like Him, when in the garden,  
Willing the cup to bear.

Like Him, in hours of suffering,  
Like Him, when wronged and tried,  
Like Him mid foes rebuffing,  
Like Him the Crucified,  
Like Him, in pleading for others,  
With Him in Heaven so fair,  
But there, we shall long no longer,  
For "we shall be like Him there."

W. W. MACCUBAG,  
Quebec.

God Remembers.

There is a text in the Psalms which uses the strange expression of "the gentleness" of God. We wonder sometimes when God is so great, so terrible in majesty, that he uses so little violence with us, who are so small. But it is not His way. His way is to be gentle. He seldom drives, but draws. He seldom compels, but leads. He remembers we are dust.

We think it might be quicker work if God threatened and compelled us to do right. But God does not want quick work, but good work. God does not want slave work, but tree work. So God is gentle with us all, molding us and winning us many a time with no more than a silent look. Coarse treatment never wins souls. So God did not drive the chariot of His omnipotence up to Peter and command him to repent. God did not threaten him with the thunderbolts of punishment. That one look laid a spell upon his soul which was more than voice or language through all his after life.—Henry Drummond.

Our Young People

Sept. 4. Missionary Work.

Some Bible Hints.

This is the Lord's work upon which we are embarking in our new church year; but it is not the Lord's work unless it is done in the Lord's strength (Ps. 144:1).

Our days are like a shadow (Ps. 144:4), but our deeds must be; they are to endure beyond all time.

We are to sing a new song (Ps. 144:9) with every new day; new trust, new experience, and new conquests.

Thanking God and taking courage (Acts 28:15) go together. The thankless life is a weak life.

Suggestive Thoughts.

We cannot get "new courage for new work" until we get the new work that calls for the new courage.

It is a great stimulant to the old work to branch out now and then into new kinds of work.

Those that are doing any work constantly see opportunities for new work, but the idle see no chances to labor.

The best encouragement for new work is old work well done; but a task half finished is a completed clog.

A Few Illustrations.

Do not try to live on yesterday's courage any more than on yesterday's food. Courage must be renewed from day to day.

This new year of work is like a new road; we may travel over it, or we may go back from it, or we may stand still.

A look backward over the past work will help us in the new, just as a runner runs backward to get a good start.

Even if our work is the same, we may look at it in new ways, just as the housewife gives the living-room a fresh aspect by placing the furniture in new positions.

To Think About.

Why not make this new year of church work the best I have ever done?

What new reasons has God given me why I should serve Him with new courage?

What new work does God open before me?

A Cluster of Quotations.

No pain? No gain?  
No sowing tears? No springtime fears?  
No waving ears of golden grain!—

Farquharson.

Work is its own best earthly meed—Inge-  
love.

Go, take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before, and shirking, and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it.—Philips Brooks.

The real worker never says, "How little can I do?" but always "How much?"—Joseph Parker.

The Blessed Junior Work.

Set before yourself some little goal for each month, as, that the society shall learn such a hymn, or such verses of Scripture, or certain facts about missions, or about some great Christian.

Use the catechism, and have the Juniors commit to memory one question and answer a week.

The Juniors will appreciate a little system of honor for regular attendance, such as a star opposite their names on the honor roll, or the privilege of wearing a certain badge at the meeting.

A Junior choir should be formed, and should be used in the meetings of the church and of the older society occasionally.

Once a month is none too often for the Junior socials.

The Junior society is the best of places for the inculcation of temperance principles by all kinds of object lessons and talks, as well as by temperance recitations and the learning of temperance Bible verses, and, above all, the signing of the pledge.

Study the history of your denomination. Get the Juniors familiar with its great men and women and the principal things for which it stands.

Daily Readings.

- Mon., Aug. 29.—Strength from God.  
Gen. 49: 22-24.
- Tues., " 30.—Tarrying for it.  
Acts 1: 1-8.
- Wed., " 31.—New mercies daily.  
Lam. 3: 22-26
- Thurs., Sept. 1.—David's resources.  
Ps. 23.
- Fri., " 2.—Isaiah's fountain.  
Isa. 57: 15, 16.
- Sat., " 3.—Paul's secret.  
1 Cor. 15: 1-10.
- Sun., " 4.—Topic—New courage for new work.  
Ps. 144: 1-15; Acts 28: 15.

Seeing Beauty in God's Word.

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."—Psalm 119: 13

In one of his helpful little volumes the Rev. Dr. J. R. Miller tells of a young lady who purchased a book and read a few pages, but failed to become interested in it. But some months afterward, he goes on to relate, she met the author, and a tender friendship sprang up, ripening into love and betrothal. Then the book was dull no longer. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. Seeing beauty in God's Word is much conditioned in the same way. The Bible has infinite value in itself; but to reveal its richest treasures it needs love as an interpreter. To those who do not know Christ personally it may seem uninteresting; but to those who know and love Him its every page becomes like a casket of jewels glowing with beauty and light; yes, even better, like a letter of love, quickening the heart-throbs and filling the soul with rapture and with fresh and holy resolve.

An open eye means an illuminated page. To the unveiled vision what wondrous things are seen in God's ever precious Word—wondrous things as to the depths of his love, as to his forgiving mercy, as to his saving grace, as to his never failing help, as to his home prepared for all that love him and a blessed eternity under the smile of his presence forevermore!—G.B.F. Hallock, D.D.

Herald and Presbyter: We should watch against the power of the world and its encroachments. We are left here by our Lord to do a definite work and to make ourselves positively felt. The enemy of our souls is seeking to lead us astray, to prevent our usefulness and to keep us from doing the Lord's will. May we never cease in our vigilance against his wiles.