

along with it to make us ample in prayer. Paul is ample in prayer, for he knows the need of his converts, and he knows the resources and the sure promises of his God.

What are the needs that are round about us in our own day? Look at the giddy homes and the petrifying churches and the wars and the famines, and the stricken neglected millions. Are our needs not greater, if that were possible, than those of the Apostle's day? What are the resources of our God in our own day? or the promises that lay these resources all within reach of the grasp of prevailing prayer? These resources are still the unsearchable riches of Christ, and the promises still stand pledged by the word and the oath of the everlasting God.

Shall we not take up Paul's large prayers and his large measures and prove what the result will be in our own day?

Let any one who may have followed this paper with intellectual interest and apprehension, take heed; there is a danger lying right ahead of you. If, following the ordinary custom of ordinary readers, you simply pass on to the next article, and the next, and the next; and so leave the apprehended truth unutilized, it would have been far better never to have apprehended it at all. There is power in the truth contained in this paper, if utilized, to turn an ineffective life into an effective one—to turn it, not merely into a *well* of living waters, but into a *river* of living waters. But such a truth apprehended and left unutilized loses its power to make even that intellectual impression which necessarily is antecedent to the utilization of any truth. If you want to know the power of the truth now apprehended, stop short your reading, settle it in God's presence whether these things are so and prove Him in the matter. Let there be an immediate transaction of faith.

The curse of the church of to-day is truth apprehended but life unutilized, until the very ability to conceive of that truth as a thing of power is actually lost. "Having a form of godliness," of real, effective, supernatural godliness, "but denying the power thereof."

The next paper will take up the chain of consequences following upon the granting of this petition.

Fullness of Joy.

I am Thine own, O Christ!
Henceforth entirely Thine;
And life from this glad hour,
New life, is mine.

No earthly joy can lure
My quiet soul from Thee;
This deep delight, so pure,
Is heaven to me.

I cannot tell the art
By which this bliss is given;
I know Thou hast my heart,
And I—have heaven.

Are we, in this sunny summer time, in this happy land where neither plague nor famine, nor war, nor earthquake, nor flaming fire, nor fierce tornado, nor sweeping flood can molest us,—are we making our country a heaven on earth? At least we ought to have such an aim before us. No people can make steady progress unless their ideals are high. We have a right to aim at nothing lower than making our country a "garden of the Lord"; our people, sober, truthful, honest, brave and industrious,—in one word, a Christian people.—Presbyterian Witness.

• Our Young People •

Treasure Hunters.

Topic for Sept. 2.—"Seek Souls."—Luke 15: 1-10.

Love's Service.

For reading in the meeting.

Hope not the cure of sin till self is dead;
Forget it in love's service, and the debt
Thou canst not pay the angels shall forget;
Heaven's gate is shut to him who comes alone;
Save thou a soul, and it shall save thy own!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Our Mission.

BY WOODFORD.

TOPIC.—The mission of those who name the name of Christ is surely to seek souls, not by proxy, but personally as did the shepherd the sheep, the woman the coin. To such persevering personal work the love of Christ constrains every believer. The myriads of saved sinners in heaven were gathered there one by one. How shall the many still unsaved be brought to Christ unless every believer be a seeker.

Monday: "We love Him because he first loved us; and to give Him to see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, no weariness nor thirst, must deter us from being ambassadors for Him to Jew or Samaritan. Love only for Him can keep us thus ever alert. But how gladdening to us, in that it is still pleasing to Him, if one day we be privileged so to speak to one that by that person others will be led to Christ. How delightful, how it stimulates to constant watchfulness, to have it to think that there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth. Just think of it being possible for each one of us to be instrumental in the giving of such joy.

Tuesday: But if our Father spared not His only Son, we are bastards and not sons if with us there be grudging of time or money or effort. Not to be laborers together with God in the work of soul-seeking is not to be of the family of God.

Wednesday: Then this Saviour, our elder brother, strong-handed, kind-hearted, carried up our sins in His body to the tree. Yet so burdened how energetic, how watchful He was; so leaving us an example. But, eased of our burden, working in the easy yoke which He provides, how in soul-seeking have we imitated Him?

Thursday: They only will be seekers, co-workers, who are true to the one duty spoken of by Micah. If they are true they cannot but be seekers. Found themselves they can show others the way. Free themselves they can speak of the blessedness of the liberty of God. (Ps. 51:12, 12.)

Friday: And yet duty is still more winsome when robed with love. Not to a God afar off do seekers strive to lead others, nor to an absentee God, but to a Saviour, a very present help, who says to His disciples, "This is my commandment; that ye love one another as I have loved you." To understand this, so as to lead others to an understanding of it is to bear fruit. For His love to us, awakening our love to Him and others, what will it not accomplish. A lost one, a scoffer, who made it his aim to set aside all arguments adduced towards bringing Him to Christ, having been led to confess Christ and Him crucified, was asked by his pastor if the last sermon preached had not brought him. "No," he answered. "I could refute to my own satisfaction, as hitherto, all the

arguments of your sermon, but I could not stand out against feeble old aunty—when I helped her to the sidewalk, from the porch of the church. In thanking me she looked so wistfully into my face, saying, "Oh, sir, I wish you were as kind to my Master as you are to me," that I simply could not get rid of that simple soul's desire for me. This woman so reciprocated the love of Christ that she made it to be very near to others—her life bare fruit.

Saturday: Love will creep where it cannot go. But true love has her reward: those whose feet were washed afterwards counted it all glory to be called on to suffer shame for His name. It is in this way that not only is the sense of duty, the passion for righteousness, the desire for service, aroused, but soul is made to cleave unto soul. Love is the compelling principle prompting to persevering personal work, the result of which shall be that souls shall be found, won, and made to take for their motto, "not I, but Christ, which liveth in me." So the work of recruiting for the host of the Captain of our Salvation goes on. So the world is being won for Christ.

Come Unto Me.

BY JESSIE STORRS FERRIS.

"Come unto me," and thou shalt find an ointment for thy bitter care,
Solace for thy broken hearthstone, hope for all thy keen despair.

Hard thy task and great thy burden,—child, I know thy every pain,
Trust in me and I will heal thee, think thou not 'tis all in vain.

For my heart is kind as woman's, and my power more great than man's,
And thy smallest grief shall vanish with the healing of my hands.

Only faith I ask. I love thee more than human heart can know,

Come to me and I will make thee whiter than the new-born snow.

For Daily Reading.

Mon., Aug. 27.—God's love for the soul. John 4: 4-16

Tues., Aug. 28.—His desire to save. Rom. 8: 28-34

Wed., Aug. 29.—Jesus' gift for us. 1 Pet. 2: 17-25

Thurs., Aug. 30.—The one duty. Micah. 6: 6-8

Friday, Aug. 31.—The disciples' responsibility. John 13: 12-16

Sat., Sept. 1.—After His example. John 13: 1-15

Sun., Sept. 2.—Topic seek souls. Luke 15: 1-10.

Soul Winning.

A soul won is the best instrument for winning souls.—Arnott

Heaven has its myriads of saved sinners; but they were gathered there one by one.—T. L. Cuyler, D. D.

No convert is too recent, too uninstructed, to bring others to Christ. Convinced in his own heart that Jesus is the Christ, he can, with Philip, at least echo our Lord's own words to seeking disciples, "Come and see."

—Record of Christian Work.

If you stand half a mile off from a man and throw the gospel at him, you will miss him! but if you go close to him and lay hold upon him, give him a hearty grip of the hand and show that you have an affection for him, you will, by God's blessing lead him in the right way.—Spurgeon.