

Hints for Workers.

Like Heaven.

When you hear of good in people—tell it.

When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright,
Like to heaven above.

You must have a work to do—pursue it.
If a failure, try again—renew it.
Failure spurs us to success.
Failures come, but come to bless,
Fitting us for righteousness,
In the heaven above.

Do the woes of life surround you—face them.
Do temptations hover 'round you—chase them.

He who ruleth over all,
He will help you, though you fall,
Gladly hears you when you call,
From His heaven above.

Have you any wrong to right—right it.
Do you have a sin to fight—fight it.
God himself, will help you win,
Let His Spirit enter in,
Making right the heart within,
Fit for heaven above.

—John Sterling, in *New York Observer*.

"The Work of the Master."

When a great and noble man passes away, even the apparently commonplace incidents connected with his career and illustrating his character are treasured up and made the texts of numberless sermons or addresses. It has been so with every notable name in history so far, and it will be so in the instance of that exemplary Christian man, William McKinley, in one sense a product of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in a broader sense the creation of American Christianity. Among the McKinley stories which deserve to be told again and again is the incident narrated at the memorial service held in Vienna by the U. S. Minister to Austria, who knew the late President intimately. At the beginning of the Spanish War, Mr. McKinley had on one occasion been working at his official duties late into the night. He then pushed his chair back and wearily closed his eyes. General Corbin, who was present, remarked: "Tired to death, Mr. President?" Mr. McKinley paused, and then replied in a low voice: "Yes; and I could not keep it up, Corbin, if I did not feel that I was doing the work of the Master!" That is it. All good work is the work of the Master. Whether it be the performance of civic duties in the cause of law and liberty, whether it be warring against worse than Spaniards—against the slaveries of the commercial task-masters, the corruptions of depraved officials, or the tyrannies of the brewery and the saloon—whether it be temperance agitation, "slum" ministry, missionary sacrifice, or any other form of noble

effort, the need is for this sense of divine proprietorship and participation in Christian enterprises. We cannot "keep it up" unless we feel that the Master is doing it along with us and through us. It is God's work, and we must do it with God's strength, in God's way.—*London Herald*.

Leaders.—In a four-horse team those in front are called "leaders." They are chosen because of their quickness, willingness, intelligence. The slightest indication from voice or rein is enough, they lead and willingly. Officials in our Church are leaders—as such do not doubt or falter, the Church expects you to lead, the pastor directing. Be willing and obedient. "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land." What a beautiful thing it is to offer a "willing" service.—*Rev. Manly Benson, D.D.*

Saving Ourselves.—In all the realm of nature or of grace there is no promise to the man who does not fight. If you take up the business of farming, you may say, "Now I have found a peaceable occupation." In one sense, yes; and yet the farmer has only to assume a non-resisting attitude toward the common weed that springs up in his field, or the various bugs and worms that make their appearance when the green shoots appear, and his failure is certain. He can not banish them by magic nor miracle: he can not go where they are not to be found. He must resist. In determined and continual resistance lies his hope. It is so with the forces of evil. The man who becomes good and noble, who would go

before his God at the last summons with a clean soul, must strive for all he attains. The one who goes to the bad doesn't have to try. He has only to let go, to quit struggling, and the cruel plotting enemy of souls will do the rest. The Bible is full of this doctrine. God wants to save men from the power of sin, but, candidly, what is there in a man to save; what is there worth being called a man if he is not willing to make an effort to help save himself!—*Lookout*.

Prayer.—Far away in the Tannus Mountains some remarkable bells are hung on the summit of the peaks. No hand ever rings them. Silent, dumb, they hang there in the sunshine. But when the stormwind comes they begin to swing and then to peal, and then their chimes are heard far below, down in the valley. God, the Lord, has hung in every heart a praying bell. Yet how often in the sunshine it is silent and dumb! But when the storm wind of trouble comes, it begins to ring. . . . Necessity teaches prayer!—*Wilhelm II., Emperor of Germany*.

Vigilance.—Vigilance in watching opportunity, tact and daring in seizing upon opportunity, force and persistence in crowding opportunity to its utmost of possible achievement—these are the martial virtues which must command success.—*Prof. Austin Phelps, D.D.*

ONE of Lincoln's mottoes was: "Die when I may, I want it to be said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."

Prominent League Workers.

MR. H. J. KNOTT.



THE subject of our sketch this month, Mr. Horace J. Knott, of Victoria, is one of the most active of our League workers on the Coast, having taken a deep interest in the organization from the very first. He

was born in Cornwall, England, in 1871, and came to Canada with his parents in 1875. When about nine years of age, he joined the Methodist Church at Orono, Ont., and attended class and prayer-meeting regularly. Later he came to Toronto, and joined the St. Clarens Avenue Church, where he became a teacher in the Sunday-school, and a member of the choir. In 1891 he removed to Victoria, B.C., and at once united with the Metropolitan Church, whose pastor at that time was Rev. Coverdale Watson. He became an active member of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and has held nearly every office in the society. At present he is serving the third consecutive term as president, and also takes a very active part in Sunday-school work.

Last year Mr. Knott was president of the Provincial Epworth League and Sunday-school Association. In this position his duties were discharged with energy and success. He is very enthusiastic in everything, and his success in Christian work is largely due to the fact that whatever he undertakes is done heartily.