

Appetite For Crime.

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The anarchist must be put down, not merely as a punishment for his crime, but as a protection to society. A man who has committed crime is dangerous. It is said that the first taste of blood whets the appetite of a wild beast for more. So it would appear, our appetite can be whetted for crime. It was so with Saul the persecutor. He took his part passively in the murder of Stephen. That is the first intimation we have of Saul taking any part in crime. But that first taste of blood seems to have roused the wild beast in Saul. Very soon we find him "breathing out threatenings and slaughter" against God's saints. He tells us he was "exceedingly mad" against them. There is a wild beast lurking in all of us, which is in danger of being roused with the first taste of crime. And a very small crime may start us on the road to a great one. There are so-called respectable men in the Church to day who are daily lending themselves to schemes of duplicity and injustice, and who do not seem to know that they have started on the way to utter ruin. Mimico.

The Spiritual Birthright.

PRINCIPAL JOHN CAIRD.

I may forego my spiritual birthright, I may let myself be implicated, soul and body, with the world and the things of the world, with the lusts of the flesh, with pleasant sensations, and gratified appetites and sensuous pleasures, with that side of my being whose bliss is to bask in the sunshine of material enjoyment, and then I am at nature's mercy. At any moment of my brief existence by a slight turn of her forces, by sudden accident or swift working disease, I may be rendered bankrupt of all on which my life is staked, torn away from every element or ingredient of my happiness. But the life of love, of purity, of self sacrifice, of holy aspirations and sweet affections, of that faith in God which links and blends the life of the soul with the very life and being of the Eternal—if this life be mine then, amid a world of change and accident, through all sorrow and pain and decay, amid the rushing stream of time which, as the years pass on, bears everything else away, my feet are planted on a rock; for though "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

A child might say to a geographer: "You talk about this earth being round! Look on this great crag: look on that deep dell; look on yonder great mountain, and the valley at its feet, and yet you talk about the earth being round." . . . The geographer's view is comprehensive; he does not look at the surface of the world in mere detail; he does not deal with inches and feet and yards; he sees a larger world than the child has had time to grasp . . . And so it is with God's wonderful dealings with us: there are great rocks and barren deserts, deep, dank, dark pits and defiles, and glens and dells, rugged places that we cannot smooth over at all; and yet when He comes to say to us at the end of the journey, "Now, look back; there is the way that I have brought you," we shall be enabled to say, "Thou hast gone before us, and made our way straight."—Joseph Parker.

The course of our journey has been appointed by Him. He knows the way even through the darkness.—Henry Van Dyke.

Our Young People**God's Leading in Our Lives.**

Topic for November 3.—Scripture Reference: Psalm 23.

How God Has Led Me.

BY REV. FRANCIS E. CLARK.

Let us make this an experience meeting on God's leading. David has told us his experience in his immortal song of trust and hope. He uses the personal pronouns. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He leadeth me." It has been truly said that Dr. Samuel F. Smith in writing "America" added vastly to its power and popularity as a national anthem by using the personal and singular pronoun instead of the collective and plural.

"My country, 't is of thee,"
is much more effective than,

"Our country, 't is of thee."

The hymn becomes an experience hymn of love and praise and confidence in God's continued leading to every one who sings it with his heart as well as with his lips.

Let me do, as I have advised you in this opening talk on the meeting, and tell my experience.

I believe in God's leading, not because I have read about it in history, and heard others talk about it; not simply because I believe the Bible, but because I have often experienced it in my own life. He has guarded me from untold evil when, as I afterwards found, I was upon its brink. He has kept me from doing the thing which I most wanted to do, because my way, as I now see, would have been disastrous. He has sent sickness and suffering when, as I now see, they were much better for me than health and happiness would have been.

The Christian Endeavor movement is written across and across, in large letters that I cannot help reading, with the leading of God. In starting it when and where and as He did. In the early days of struggle and weakness. In the young men whom He has called to its service as secretaries, business managers, treasurers, editors, etc. His hand is plain. In starting at the right time, not too soon or too late, the auxiliary movements for good citizenship, missions, for the Quiet Hour, and for the home, again and again I have seen His blessed leading hand. To Him be the praise and the glory. The Lord is my Shepherd.

Daily Readings.

Mon., Oct. 28.	—God our preserver.	Ps. 31: 14-24
Tues., Oct. 29.	—Our Father's plan.	Isa. 40: 1-11
Wed., Oct. 30.	—Working out God's will.	Heb. 13: 17-21
Thurs., Oct. 31.	—Need of direction.	Ps. 32: 1-8
Fri., Nov. 1.	—Led by little things.	2 Kings 5: 7-13
Sat., Nov. 2.	—The light that guides.	John 8: 12: 12: 35, 36, 46
Sun., Nov. 3.	—Topic. God's leading in our lives.	Ps. 23

Discretion is the perfection of reason, and a guide to us in all the duties of life. It is only found in men of sound sense and good understanding.—Bruyere.

Suggestions.

There is more in religion than being blessed: there is God. Our spiritual nature is enlarged and elevated as we walk with Him.—Alexander McKenzie, D.D.

Jesus still comes to us in our outer life, and blessed is the man who arises and follows Him whithersoever He goes. Jesus still comes to the door of the soul, and that man is most blessed who receives the Lord into his guest chamber.—John Watson, D.D., in "The Upper Room."

Some men were to climb a high mountain in Norway. A guide had been hired at a great expense who was to call them in the morning. At the appointed hour they were awakened, but by a boy of only ten years. The tourists remonstrated and said they had been cheated, for surely this boy could not guide them. But the boy could not understand, and simply pointed to the mountain. So in disappointment they started, hoping in some way to get their money back. The boy led them for about two miles, when they came to the foot of the mountain, and there was the guide with all the appliances for climbing. He would not waste his strength in taking them along the comparatively safe path from the hotel. But he was ready to aid when the dangers were to be met. So often God does not reveal Himself till our time of need.—The Ram's Horn.

Harmony at Home.

We may be quite sure that our will is likely to be crossed during the day; so let us prepare for it.

Every person in the house has an evil nature, as well as ourselves, and therefore we are not to expect too much.

When inclined to give an angry answer, let us lift up the heart in prayer.

If from sickness, pain or infirmity we feel irritable, let us keep a very strict watch over ourselves.

Observe when others are suffering and drop a word of kindness.

Watch for little opportunities of pleasing, and put little annoyances out of the way.

Take a cheerful view of everything and encourage hope.

Carthie Church.

The little Parish Church of Crathie, in which the late Queen Victoria used to worship when at Balmoral is a modern building. It was erected some seven or eight years ago on the site of the old kirk, which was a quaint and primitive structure. The royal pews were in the horseshoe gallery, and the number of illustrious personages who sometimes filled them was extraordinary, emperors, kings, queens, and crown princes, joining in the simple service. Since the new church was built it has also been the scene of several memorial services, including, within the last year or so, those on behalf of the Duke of Saxe Coburg, Prince Christian Victor, the late revered Queen, and the Empress Frederick.