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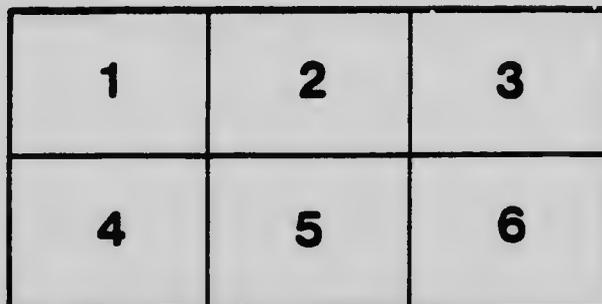
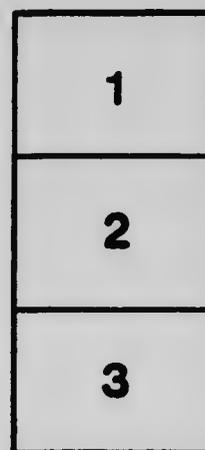
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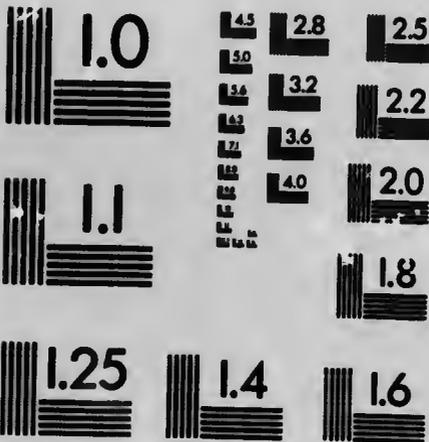
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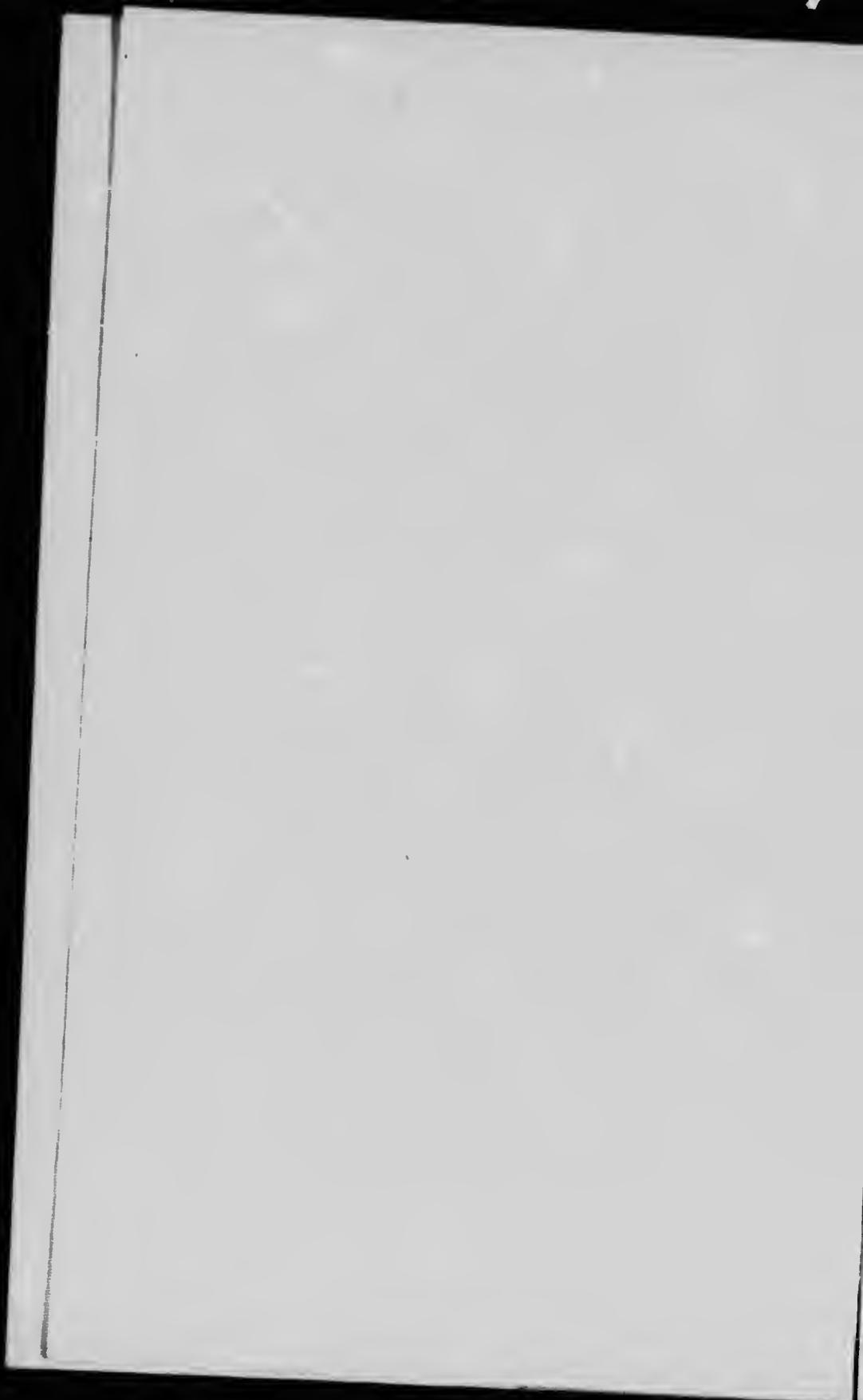
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PREFACE

My interest in the young people and earnest desire to help them in the work of life has given me the idea of those thoughts. I am fully persuaded that in order to live a useful life we must have a true conception of what it is. There is a motto, if you wish to be happy, be good. For some time in the study of this profound and important subject the best way to success is to have an ideal life.

The design of this work is not to ignore the pleasures of life but encourage every one to live a useful life. Having a knowledge of the impulses and tastes of youth I know they need to be assisted in the great problems of life.

The subjects of this work were active—they lived an active life that elevates the most lowly characters — that adds noble endeavor, beauty and grace to the work of life.

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DESIGN

CHAPTER I.

THE FIRST CAUSE

God has never formed a man without a destiny. There is much pleasure and satisfaction in tracing some events back to their original starting point. When looking at nature, studying the history of nations and the steady advance of Christian progress, we are led to say that this is the great first cause that rules the world. In creation of nature there are causes that affect the

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natural growth such as the rays of the sun, refreshing rain, the gentle breezes. Sir Isaac Newton gave us the first idea of the law of gravitation; Stephenson, the locomotive. It may be said that in most the effect will bear a similarity to the cause. For instance, many persons may have passed their opinion as to the cause of a certain tree not bearing fruit, while some one having a proper knowledge of fruit trees can trace the effect in bark down to the root of the tree where the apple tree worm has done his work. That to all probability was the first cause. Again there are in a field two flocks of sheep requiring the same care and about the same expense in feeding and yet the farmer is affected by the loss he sustains in the profit of choosing to keep not the well-bred but the poor common kind of sheep. There are also national and individual causes that can be traced from the

effect of a one-sided, selfish motive or purpose where the welfare of the people or person has not been the leading principle.

There is always something left in every case as a guide to the first cause and our failure in life is often through not having a purpose in the beginning. When reading the History of Nations in all ages it is evident that the cause can be traced from either in the evil or in the good. Standing in the midst of second causes or a perpetuity of causes the original or first cause seems to be the most interesting, and if we look at it from a moral, social or political standpoint, we may safely say that intemperance is one of the first causes of two-thirds of the existing evils at the present time.

To be all I have dreamed and more, to be all that the Highest Wisdom formed for me, all these and these alone are Perfect Life.

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Although they hated as the Master without a cause yet the effects of Martin Luther, Wycliffe and many other Christian workers are first causes that will affect humanity for good till the end of time, for this Christian cause is the leading motive to every great and noble purpose.

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CHAPTER II.

THE MIND

In writing on this subject we are reminded of the fact that the mental temperament embraces the brains and nerves on that portion of the body that specially is used by the mind in the production of thought and memory. The weakness of the human mind is largely due to its uncultured state and the design of education is to discipline it by having our reason and judgment developed. It will have its effect upon the mind and help to stimulate thought and research. In this age of intellectual advances and profound thought we should use every good available means to cultivate the mind,

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and of all the books the Bible gives us the best and highest intelligence, does more than any other book to enlighten the young or mature mind and gives us a better, clearer conception of the mind of our Creator to Whom we render a willing service.

If we make a proper effort to improve the several faculties we shall not be so easily led by any narrow mind into a system of error. We need a strong, firm mind so that after we have considered a matter, not to be drawn away from the right. Having a good aim and purpose before our mind's eye we are not so likely to allow sinful thought to pass through the window of our mind. We will be better able to keep off Satan's grounds and overcome the power of evil habit. A boy was once asked by a lady what he was crying for and he said he could not eat all his pudding—"then leave it alone"—"I can't." We should use every

reasonable means to train the minds of our children at home, for the minds of our young people are generally active and are capable of receiving good or bad impressions. It has been said that it is not the size, but the mind, that makes the man.

Often hands have joined to accomplish a low, mean, wicked work that will always be found out, but the fellowship of kindred minds, working for the good of humanity, is a strong evidence of the Bible's power to transform the mind. What we all need is more of the sympathetic, earnest, loving mind that was in Christ.

CHAPTER III.

SILENT FORCES

While contemplating this suggestive subject and the many erroneous views held in connection with it, we have to treat them with silent contempt. The beaming rays of the sun have their force and effect upon all nature. We see it in the growth of vegetation. Study out the power of mechanical forces that go in many directions, yet all have forced upon us the fact that there are still many abiding forces of human nature undeveloped. The contemplation of character is one of the greatest studies. See the forces of education work upon mighty intellect in the life of George Washington, who

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commanded the forces of the United States in carrying out the sentiment of the people. The liquor traffic is a living Satanic force that aims to upset every good cause. The ballot box is a silent force that settles opinion, but love is a silent force—it uplifts the most degraded forms of humanity into a better life.

“Mildly and softly the western breeze
Just kissed the lake—just stirred the trees,
The mountain shadows on her breast
Were neither broken nor at rest.”

Silence is often the most powerful for good. The impression made by an intelligent youth upon his associates is very remarkable. Christianity has a potent force to contend with evil and lead out into the way of truth. One of the greatest forces is the influence of a good life. The life of Christ in the world has the power for good. England's greatness is said to be in the power and influence of an open Bible.

CHAPTER IV.

HOME AND COUNTRY

A look into the homes of a country will help to decide what its future prospects will be in the line of government. The contrast between Christian and unchristian countries is so visible, that even the most sanguine may accept the fact that every country will reflect its own home life. There are many ways of attracting the children of our home so as to make home the best place. While we may suggest some idea of what is best to bring into our homes or what to keep out, we must admit that in early life our children's destiny in most cases is decided by keeping out discord and division. Bring in the spirit of unity, peace and

love. Keep out low life and false ideas. Bring Art, Science and the Bible in training the child for future usefulness. Give them kindness and a word of good cheer. What is the standard of our home — gold or the moral law? The former will tend to avarice, selfish, vicious and evil habits that will influence and lower the home life. The latter, after all due regard for industry, carefulness and success, will tend to culture high principles, self-respect and all the other elements that help constitute a noble manhood in order to place their children in the true relation to that age and country. Pay attention to the moral and physical life of the home. St. Paul once said he was a citizen of no mean city. One of the greatest ideas of any civilized country is its intellectual life. Character is formed more from what we read than from what we hear. Entertain the young by giving them good books,

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lectures and encourage home talent. This Canada of ours with all its possibilities of commerce, agriculture, mining and moral influence will in the near future be able to take its stand as the best country in the world. Having a proper estimate of our native land we remain true to its patriotism and sentiment.

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead
That never to himself hath said
This is my own, my native land?”

The wicked walk on every side when the vilest men are exalted. Statesmen are builders of a country's fame. Admiring the work of the explorer in finding out the beauty and prospects of a country, we are reminded of our country's moral life. The stay of civil and religious liberty is the right to private judgment. In God's mind there is an ideal of every human life that is possible within the reach of all to attain.

CHAPTER V.

OPINION

In order to form a right opinion of anything, it is necessary to have thorough knowledge of it. An opinion founded on hearsay is little worth. A one-sided, selfish opinion is not of much account. There should be some way of getting an idea on a matter so as to come at the truth. Would suggest that if founded on facts and reason it would be more reliable, or if it is out of the ordinary course of things, having no good promises, such an opinion would be useless and unreasonable. The forming of wrong

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and hasty opinions affect society for harm and very often reacts.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain."

We should know the circumstances of the case, as Samuel of Agag, Festus of Paul. Before deciding upon any critical matter it may be well to place ourselves in the same position, or wise to have the opinion of others with more experience. Every one thinks he has a right to his own opinion and so he has as long as it is founded on right principles.

CHAPTER VI.

DEFINITION OF BONUS

Under certain circumstances the giving of a bonus may benefit a town, but generally the true meaning of the word is to bring in a chicken and take away a turkey. Often our motives are misrepresented, but having for our motive power, love to God, we shall be more likely true to duty and obedient to His will. In order to meet every felt duty we want a strong faith. Our duty may be presented to us in many ways. When it is difficult to find out the best way to pursue to find out our duty we should try it from the principle of right and perform it in a glad and cheerful spirit. There are home,

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national and church duties that are binding upon us all. In many ways have a high sense of our duty and stand by the right in every good cause. It is not good to cultivate the spirit of hardihood, or when any known duty presents itself, to put it off on others. Sometimes it requires true heroism to obey the call of duty as our brave volunteers cheerfully obeyed the call to enlist. Help on with every enterprise and work of the church simply because it is right and our privilege.

"Their duty by my life explain,
And still in all my works maintain
The dignity of love."

It will also lift us into a higher plane—moral—being for there is a sadness in the thought of not having lived up to or neglected our duty, for keeping the Commandments is the whole duty of man.

CHAPTER VII.

FRIENDSHIP

There are different kinds of friendship — individual and Christian. A person may be of a friendly disposition, always cheerful, looking on the bright side of things, while others seem to cherish a churlish nature that often casts a gloom on all around and makes the world more sad. We should not cultivate an ungrateful, thankless spirit but learn how to appreciate and remember the little kindnesses as well. A friend in need is a friend indeed. It is good to meet with a consecrated family that after an evening with them

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you are stronger and better able to contend with stern things of life.

"Why not be comrades all the way
And hail the nearest friend and brother."

Scattering seeds of kindness to many with loving words you often strengthen those who are in need of a friend and guide. The friendship of the world is drear and cold, but good people have better impulses, higher aims, their minds are being led out into a nobler, higher life. Christians in all lands are becoming more earnest in every good word and work for the Master, who is our friend and brother. As the church uses and develops the young, encourage them in leading a helping hand in every good cause, then we may look for better results in the near future.

CHAPTER VIII.

PIONEER FARMING

There are many things in connection with pioneer life that are interesting to all classes of people. When we consider the different lines of business in those days and the amount of hardships endured by those who left their homes and friends in their native land the men had their inconveniences, outside the women did their work while passing through many difficulties and cares, but they were generally contented for when a lad I heard an old pioneer say, it was better to wear out than to rust out. After clearing a

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small space then as I remember well the old log cabin was built with its small apartments, fire place and sleeping bunks for us boys. Sometimes we went out with the men to work. In burning each fallow it is not necessary only to have good weather but to notice that the wind is in the right direction. I heard my father say (and he always told me the truth) that my Uncle and he carried a plough from a town over fifteen miles nearly all through the woods. Some of the farmers had to carry their grain for twenty miles on their backs to get it ground and then carry the flour back. A ride in a cart with a yoke of oxen over a corduroy bridge was great fun for us boys, and going along the footpath through the woods to the old clearing with its haw trees for the cows we did not always keep the path, as the squirrels, monk and porcupine were more attraction. They did care at

once to climb a tree, but as the man said to his son that would not go to school, you'll bid till go. Driving home cattle from the ranch they ran into a cedar swamp. In trying to get them out we got lost about ten o'clock. A pack of wolves set up a fierce howl. One of us climbed a tree. My brother stayed on the horse and rang the stirrups of the saddle and kept them off until morning.

A young man was going home one dark night with a lighted torch; he was closely followed by the wolves till he jumped the gate at the farm near his home. Again as a pioneer lady and her daughter was going a distance of eighteen miles they saw a large bear close by the path; they walked boldly on the bear turned into the woods. The pioneer had to hoe in some of the grain and thrash it with a flail, raised a large family and paid for his farm, but some met with accidents, some with

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ill-health and some were bitten by the sharpers.

“Their graves are severed, far and wide.
By mountain, stream and sea.”

When we meet those old pioneers leaning on their staff give them a word of good cheer. Along our river bank are the graves of the red man and missionary of cross had many a long and weary journey before the old log churches were built. Success is ours if we have among us more of a oneness and united effort.

CHAPTER IX.

DAIRYING

In studying any special work on the breed of cows suitable for dairy purposes we find there are very marked differences of opinion as to what is the best kind of stock. System of feeding and mode of delivery, it is reasonable to admit, there is room for improvement in regard to this particular line of business in our progressive town. In order to keep abreast of other places, probably of less importance, it is necessary to have a practical experimental knowledge of stock to be able to make a choice of the best

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and to know what are the requirements of a first-class dairy cow. Then there are the diseases of cattle—a diseased portion of the body tends to disarrange and affects the whole system. The cow is the product of a natural Providence, and all animals were created for some purpose. The field of thought in the animal creation is broad and deep, and our conception of its usefulness is very limited. It is a subject which requires much study and practical knowledge in all its various experiences. Our country has very great resources for stock raising and dairying. Secure cows of a good strain on their own merit. The Galloway, Aberdeen, Pol Angus and Hereford are generally good for beef, the Holstein to surpass for quantity of milk, Durhams are healthy stock, fair for milk, Ayrshires are well proportioned in the good qualities of milk, Devons are generally noted for sweet

milk, but the Jersey Excelsior takes the lead for cream. We want to make a special study of quality for the dairy and creamery. Good milk is one of the necessaries of life. Our progress and experiments are in advance of the past, but we are desirous of having milk of that quality that will raise it up to the highest standard. In submitting to our readers the idea of the different qualities we would suggest here that each kind has a special purpose, and it is a matter of some importance to adopt a proper system of feeding. Children are the hope of a nation, therefore it is wise to give them healthful food. Milk is often used in the preparation of food, and is very susceptible to taint, also partakes largely of the nature of the kind of food that is fed. Proper cow feed is the best for cow life, maintains the animal system and produces the best milk. The position of roots in dairy-

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ing is an important one. Butter from mixed food is generally good. In the winter months give cows outdoor exercise, also be very gentle and kind in feeding and tending stock.

Thou has taught silent cheer
Many a lesson, deep and long,
Thou hast been a generous giver,
I can give thee but a song."

In this inventive age there are varieties of opinion and differences of tastes. Methods of delivery, to have milk fresh as possible, and one of the leading essential points is to give attention to cleanliness in all the departments of the work in connection with dairying. Passing through too many systems takes away from the nutriment. A party in selling a horse said "worked in lumber shanty eight winters or so," but the man said "he must be nearly worn out." Among the good things of life dairying is a special Providence, and

after dispensing with some necessary Sunday work we take much pleasure and interest in bringing it up to that perfection as will place it alongside of any other business enterprise.

CHAPTER X.

SYSTEMATIC FARMING

Farming is one of the best and first vocations in the world. If it were properly systematized like most other branches of business, instead of being a drudgery, it would be a very cheerful line, for the King is served by the field, although sometimes

“The wheat does fail on the corner lot,
Where the wheat never failed before.”

Every farmer should try to be master of his business and take advantage of any new idea that would be a real benefit to him. Do things in the right season—procure good implements —

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cultivate your land thoroughly—keep ahead of your work—plan it out before doing it — have regular hours, order and system in all your work. Keep a strict account of income and expenses —take a good paper—sow good seed. North - West may be a good idea for the young, but for the old there is

“No other place in this wide world
Will ever be one half so dear
As the old farm and homestead
That they have worked to clear.”

Get up more cheerful amusements for the young people and make home the best place.

CHAPTER XI.

FARMERS' CONVENTION

I firmly believe that such a convention, properly conducted, would result in lasting benefit to the farming community. It would be to the interest of the farmers to give their earnest cooperation to every institution organized for the purpose of assisting each other to carry on their work with greater success by having a fixed time and place to discuss the interests of their line of business. They would receive the benefit of mutual common experiences which teaches us the best lessons. The reason why we advocate the convention is simply because we desire to bring into practice an idea

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familiar to teachers, railroad men, merchants, and manufacturers. It would elevate and advance our interest. The hope of the farming community will largely depend upon their having proper knowledge of scientific farming. They are an important class in the country and have many things to consider and topics upon which to speak. The new and best ideas from well trained and cultured minds should be sought. There is room for extension in nearly every branch of farming and much to be derived from improvement of the land—in fact every farmer should take pride in his farm, have a garden and not overlook that which is in his province, willing to lend a helping hand to every good cause and Christian enterprise.

“Where are the reapers, Oh! who will come
And share in the glory of the harvest home,
Who will help us to garner in
The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?”

CHAPTER XII.

LIVE STOCK.

In expressing our ideas on a subject of so much importance as the present, it requires time and a practical knowledge of each particular line or part of the meat industry. Where there is so much capital invested, an interest taken in the well-being and health of each family in the country, the greatest care should be taken in selecting well-bred, healthy stock of all kinds. In handling stock for years we came in contact with numerous kinds of diseases that from a standpoint of health are entirely useless. In the study of food difference of taste and opinion in regard to which is best beef

is the best article of food, it is most called for and is the most nourishing of all meat. Meat is very susceptible to taint, and is to some extent made of the kind of food it is fed on. Fish, when they are the right kind, are good food; fowl is also. Lamb, veal, mutton and venison are very strengthening in their season. The best articles have the largest sale. The highest standard brands are the household words. You make no mistake in choosing the very best. All kinds of meat ought to be in first-class order before curing, because it cannot be brought back to its natural healthy state by any course of strong drugs. Our motto should be the best. Leading dealers in stock and meat in Canada, United States and Great Britain have very large expensive businesses to carry on that calls for a daily expenditure of money that must benefit all classes apart from the fish industry of

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this country, and they expend millions of money every year. Ham, bacon and lard seems to be good, but a hog is a swine pig still. The raising, feeding and shipping of fowl is having quite a business in this country, and the prospects in the future are very encouraging.

"When the call to duty comes,
The cow-boys fall into line
To quell the western prairie
Or stop the African lion.

"No matter where far scouts,
Strathcona Horse, the Buffalo chase,
Or prairie cattle on the wilds
Civilization follows in their trail."

CHAPTER XIII.

HARVEST

The harvest is a subject that all are interested in. Of society, in order to secure a good harvest there must be time, labour and system, then there is the busy time of harvest which requires skill and united effort. It is best to cut hay and coarse grain a little on the green side — it prevents shelling out and is better for feeding stock. Safe to sell grain when it commands a fair paying price. There seems to be a certain kind of harvest times—they all mention it still.

“The course of human life is changeful
As the fickle mind and wandering rill.”

Speaking or writing on this subject we are especially thankful for a bountiful harvest.

CHAPTER XIV.

BEAUTY OF FLOWERS

This subject, although it appears small, is very suggestive. There are very few things in nature that give us a better idea of beauty than the different kind of flowers. Woodland scenery is attractive, and more so when sailing along our Canadian lakes and rivers at sunset in the spring time, when the green fields add to its splendor. The back woods forest would seem lonely without the improvements done by our pioneer.

"Why sound you stroke on beech and oak,
Or who comes here to chase the deer?"

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The village, town or city would be cheerless, not having any trees, plants or flowers, they do not compare with the wildling green or woodland flower. The rose, white lily, daisy and forget-me-nots are among some of the best. But we girls have an admiration for the innocent May flowers, not only because of their wild attractiveness but simply for the pleasure which we get in searching for them in the woods.

CHAPTER XV.

COURAGE

We want more of the courage to do right. There is also a kind of fool-hardy courage that is useless. Every boy and girl should be inspired with the spirit of true courage. Herod's was a sinful, not a commendable one to anyone. We want a courage that will enable us to stand out single-handed and alone in a good cause. After starting out in life with a purpose we should have courage to carry it through into effect. It was one of the conditions of Joshua's success—only be of good courage. Benjamin Frank-

lin did a daring work. King David, Grace Darling, Gordon and Wellington were worthy types of true wisdom and courage. The Master inspired His Disciples with great patience and courage. They were true heroes. This is a history of facts—not of fiction. A business man once said to a working man that he had no claim on him, but it is not so with the Christian. He has the promises. It is the duty of every young man to be strong and of good courage.

“To every toiler, he alone is great,
Who by a life, heroic conquers fate.”

CHAPTER XVI.

“SONG OF THE HEROES”

- (1) Heroism gains in the darkness and the storm,
Noble work is done by silent heroes in their
homes,
Song of the heroes, song of youth,
Song of liberty and truth.
The heroes of the British Isles, great nation,
Her colonies governed by good men at their
station,
Our Gracious Sovereign Queen does study to
promote
The well being of her people with earnest
Christian thought.
- (2) This Canada of ours, land of beauty and might,
Along our river banks the redmen graves are
seen,
Cabot, Columbus, Livingstone, of distant lands
did dream;
Sir John Macdonald, Premier, far-seeing steady
hand,
Our country in its youth best interest like a hero
planned,
Our statesmen too have done full well
Their works of wisdom's direction in the near
future tell.





FIELD MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG
Commander of the British Forces in France

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- (3) And other leading nations have studied to
inspire
Their subjects with true courage—heroic fire,
Till all the nations of the world learning to be
wise,
To understand their mission—true heroism's
sacrifice,
Irresistable Grace Darling, Joan of Arc,
The heroes of the cradle will gladly do their
part.
McDougall for the work of mission, time and
life bestow
Christian mother in the noblest sense, a hero.
- (4) Making merchandise of man, how sad the story,
But Wilberforce, with stronger mind did glory,
To labor and to toil, heroic deed to obtain
That liberty for all the slaves set free again
Humanity akin to slavery bound
But in the Book of Truth there is no ground
For such a traffic, be valiant for the truth, be
strong,
Emancipation, that great work, earnest hero,
Lincoln.
- (5) Heroes of the battlefield, heroes of the sea,
Light brigade, Bruce, Wallace, rewards of
victory,
Boy heroes ask for a place in efforts of men
And go by steps up the ladder of fame,
The sea's great warships navy strong.
Lord Nelson with his hero courage, wisdom won.
We trust the sword has had its mission all for
good,
Wellington and other daring warriors under-
stood.
- (6) The hero teacher, patience, work sublime,
Painters, artist, agriculture, every line,
School system, Ryerson's wise plan,

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Education within the reach of every man.
Wycliffe, Knox and Luther, Latimer, Ridley
died at stake,
And other kind heroes mission to the lepers
take.
Milton, though blind, by inspiration saw,
adored
A world brought back and Paradise restored.

- (7) Who shall not his mission fully tried
Give praise, proclaim him King who died
The world with truer heroism spread
Christian dispensation of love and mercy led
Great source of life, Giver of all good,
Thou dost inspire thy people that would
Be earnest workers toil on, labour is rest,
The Christian hero after all is blest.

CHAPTER 17

UNITY

Dear Sir:—

While there are diversities of opinion there may be one subject in purpose; for instance, a certain number of men agree on the erection of a building, and make suggestions about the best kind of material, and yet differ in their opinions as to the location. Divisions are not generally good, as they do not tend to promote a peace-loving spirit. Family disputes often means to break up the home and give it to strangers. But it is almost impossible for anyone to get the advantage of any member of a well organ-

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ized, united family. For in the midst of counsellors there is wisdom. I knew a large, united family that lived on a very rough, stony farm; they are now all comfortably settled, the parents still living, contented and happy; and even where there are only two or three united much good may be accomplished; also a single effort is not in vain. For I am greatly benefited by the impressions made on me in very early life by my earnest, good, Christian mother who in my boyhood days has gone to rest. We should give to our homes our best affections, make them as attractive as possible, and do what we can to help on the cause of education. There has been great good effected by the power and influence of a united Christian family.

Unity is strength and to send aid at the right time and in a judicious way often saves a great amount of trouble, and is a wise preventative in the case

of individual, family or national need. It is best to cultivate a forgiving spirit, for it always costs more to revenge anything than it does to give it. Quarrelling tends to undermine the moral character, and that which lowers the family will also the nation, for what injures one effects the other. The same Christian example or education that enobles the life of an individual will influence and benefit the family or nation. The ruin of a nation is due to a great extent to its own division. It has been said the human and the divine must unite before charity will clothe the poor. By uniting intelligence with labour and using the proper means, many things can be done to greater advantage and better satisfaction; so by sending men to represent us with ability, right principles and farseeing, we may have a strong Government and a prosperous country. It is a good sign of the times

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to see the spirit of unity that is now prevailing in the churches; they are endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and it is evident that this is one of the reasons why Christianity is progressing.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is light to that above.

SECOND PART

BEGIN WELL

CHAPTER I.

THE GUIDING HAND

In all ages and in the many incidents of life there has been some attraction, Leader or Guide, to help animate and direct those who dare to do right.

It has been said that it was a Providential Hand that brought Ben Hur's mother and sister to see him sleeping at the door of the old palace.

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The Huguenot Pilgrim Fathers and the Israelites were all led by the Hand of Providence. The wise men were directed and they gave Joseph ample means to go on his journey. His hand is visible in all lands and in all places. God will send His angels to guard the good and true and guide their feet in the way of Peace.

“His faithful follower I will be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.”

It is better to ask to be shown the path of life. It was the desire of Moses and all good men that God should go with them.

Nations have been led by some great teacher through the cares of national life. We are often guided by our Creator and wise benefactor by the still waters and again like the Hand of Joshua. Pointing to the stern realities and duties of life in order to prepare us for the enjoyment of that glor-

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ious rest We are in the hands of an all wise Creator, Who is cognizant of all our needs. The mission of the church is to teach — the Bible is the best and only safe guide.

CHAPTER II.

PRAYER

One of the divine commands is to watch and pray. It is a great preventative of evil. We are definitely asked to call upon God. Ezra, Joshua and Elijah prayed for a special blessing and was answered. We have on record the names of praying individuals and praying people. Our Saviour spent all night alone in prayer to God. The design of our Creator is that we should come to Him as a kind Father, being sure of the facts that He is with us we are able to do the work of life. Consider the Divine Being

Whom we are about to approach and bring with us acceptable words. He is a strong tower—they that run into it are safe. When studying the moral attributes of God we can scarcely comprehend His greatness of Power, Wisdom and Love, but He kindly listens to our prayer and we have remarkable answers. Private and family prayer is an acceptable service. In His name there is a mighty power. He is the designer and creator of all things—there is no God like unto our God. He invites us to a personal knowledge and communion with Him.

“Saviour, sin and want confessing,
We would humbly seek Thy blessing,
Grant it now we pray.”

CHAPTER III.

THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

To listen to the singing of birds in the spring time brings joy and gladness to all young and old, and to hear the gentle voices of nature which seems to stop while some swift Celestial being passes by on an errand of mercy, for the Angels are swift to fulfill their mission.

There are also destroying angels sent on the earth for a purpose—they have a charge to keep. Angels often visit the sick and dying. When near

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the close of life they seem to be conversing with them.

"There are Angels hovering round
To carry the tidings home."

They are prepared for a special work—sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs to salvation. St. Paul on the sea, St. Peter in prison, Daniel in the lions' den and at the tomb of Jesus. The angels are a higher order of beings and have a fitness for a very great work. They visited the earth in the beginning and will again at the end of time.

"Somewhere the load is lifted,
Close by an open gate,
Somewhere the clouds are rifted,
Somewhere the Angels wait."

CHAPTER IV.

MAKE A WISE CHOICE

A wise choice is one of the good things of life. There comes a time in everyone's life when it is necessary to decide. The people in the days of Elijah or Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the People of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. Sometimes we are puzzled to know what is best — God's choice is better for us than our own. In this world of choice if we make a right step in our life we will not come in the way of others. A matter of vital interest in our choice of books for the

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young, they often have a permanent influence on their minds and life for good or evil. There are many good books and papers, religious and secular, but to all intents and purposes the Bible is the Book.

"Deep on thy soul before its powers
Are yet by vice enslaved,
Be the Creator's glorious name
And character engraved."

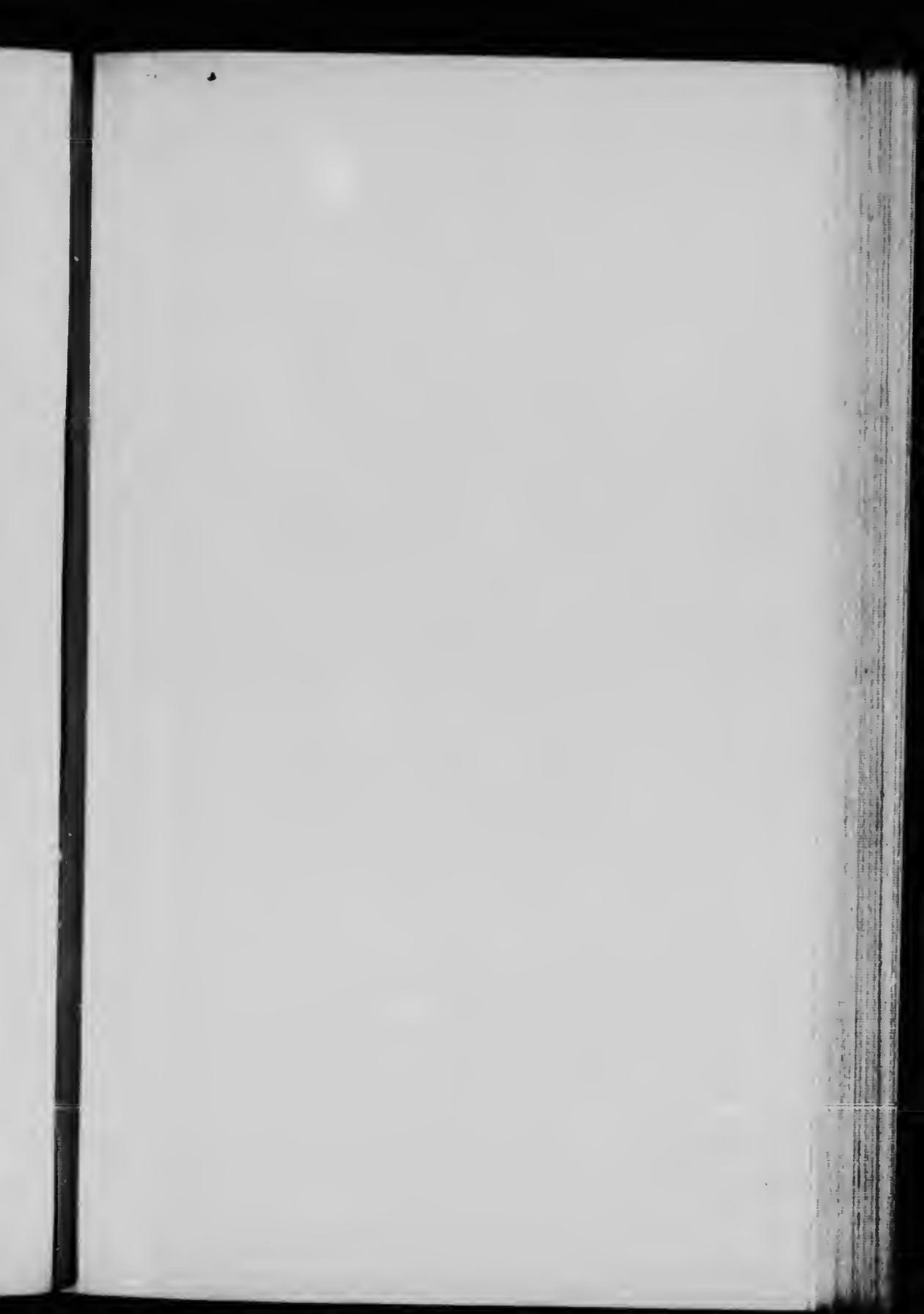
Good company as well as literature has its power to destroy or refine, and more especially does it bear its stamp on the minds of the young.

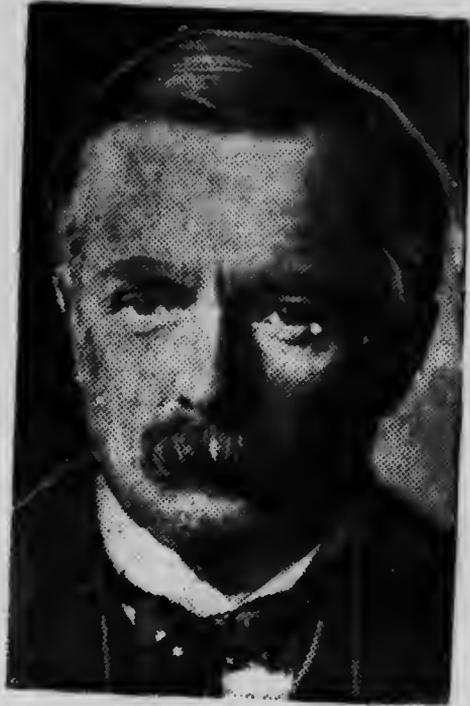
Robert Southy says there is no curing those who choose to be diseased. Wise companions are preferable for the Book says the companion of fools shall be destroyed. There is no wisdom in giving Barabas the preference for those who choose will have a decided advantage. Reeboam lost the ten tribes because he took not the advice of the old men. Saul went to the

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witch of Eden for direction but David enquired of the Lord.

This is an age of combines where men in all lines are united together in convention to plan for their own interest. The safety of numbers and united effort when widely managed has a controlling power and a considerate, well thought out plan of work is sure to accomplish much. Young people who choose well have a great influence for good. Keep off Satan's grounds. No right thinking person would choose a Kaiser's aim and ideal, leaving their footprints on the homes they destroyed. When by some wise selected course of study and work would be in a position to proceed and help others.





DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
Premier of England

CHAPTER V.

HONEST EFFORT

Unless we make it a point to succeed in anything we shall never accomplish much, for in every age up to the present time there has been an effort to improve every natural gift. Some people are always going to, or intending to, do something in the right direction, but an honest effort will always have some good purpose; there are also times in our life when the way seems to be hedged up, then it is best to watch and wait. Make the best of what you have. There are many in the different lines of business and pro-

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fessions that have made great progress by concentrating their power on the one object. Some may take a wrong view of our position so long as our cause is a matter of felt duty. We should make a strong effort to maintain it as our Master.

“Entered the Holy place above,
Covered with meritorious stars.”

It is surprising the improvement that can be made by the diligent use of our energies for the good of others. Our teaching should be so impressive as to cause folks to say “abide with us.”

CHAPTER VI.

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

In this age of thought and reflection we are often instructed by that which presents to us the strongest attraction. It is a happy thought influence of the beautiful, true and good inspire us with higher motives and better aims of life. There are evidences of the evil that is in the world and the very fact that it exists, that we are exposed to its constant influence is a strong reason why we should be interested and become living associates in all positive usefulness. This is a beautiful world we live in. Parental influence has

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done much every way and facts go to prove that in many places the single-handed, earnest effort of individuals who have exercised their influence in the uprooting of great evils. It is remarkable the good that can be done with the young boys in particular. The evil actions and words tend to that which is wrong, the good deeds and kind sayings used in and out of life.

"Only a step and forever
Its influence ever remains."

We are surrounded and protected by pure and cheerful influences have impressed us with Canadian character. We should do all possible work to uplift and benefit the masses. The Bible and Christianity stand out foremost in influence and the best interest of all classes of the human race.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION OF GIRLS

True culture is the development of our mental and moral powers and is essential to improvement. The impressions of home life are lasting and eternal. If we go back to childhood we see the example which form the aim and habits of our life. The great men and women of the world have owed much to the character and training of their mothers. Parents should choose their children's company. It is a fact worthy of note that children retain early habits. Forbid teasing—it cultivates ill will and temper instead

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of the gentle one who is always a blessing and true to the best interest of home. Converse with your children, win their confidence, allow them to talk in your presence and have counter attractions at home. Girls! your mother is your best friend. Conform to the laws of health, have an ideal and know how to do your work.

“Noble in birth in fortune high,
She whom Lord and Barons sigh,
Meets her poor Arthur in the dale.”

The education of our young ladies is a problem of vital importance. Learn all that ministers to a refined taste. It has been said that ignorance is bliss, but how, when and where knowledge is the good on which the mind grows as had some of the leaders of human thought. Suggestive literature is the worst.

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.” There are on record great

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accomplishments of women with high aims and intelligent love for a good cause. They are to be found back of nearly all reforms and earnest church work. Go where virtue sanctions love, not the good time idea seeking after those things that waste life, losing the best of their days.

“Warriors from the breach of danger,
Pluck no longer laurels there,
They but yield the passing stranger,
Wild flower wreaths for beauty's hair.”

Young ladies, aim to be the honored mistress of a home. The contrast of the educated and well trained youthful mind and that of the silly, purposeless mind and life even in ordinary work is beyond comparison. Education gives force to opinion and impression helps to carry out the aim and purpose of life. Young ladies, beware of false culture, be companions of good books seek to excell.

CHAPTER VIII.

SLEEP

In the proper arrangement and dividing of time there is much to be secured and obtained. It has been said there is a time for everything. There can be more work done to better advantage by having a set time.

All nature requires rest. Vegetation has its season of rest; in the springtime it wakes up into life and vigor, adorning the earth with its beauty. Sleep in old age is one of the means to sustain life and is nature's best restorer. In youth it is often due to overgrowth and failure in doing the

work of life. Too much sleep unnerves us for the work of every day. When taking rest in sleep we should not allow business to interfere with us. King David in times of trouble said, "I will lay me down and sleep."

"Changing Empire, wain and wax,
Are founded flourish and decay."

Oversleep gives us a stupid appearance and weakens the force of our mental and intelligent powers, also will grow upon us so that we will fill up the old saying, "sleep on, sleep ever."

"You have wakened me too soon,
I will slumber again."

Better to wear out than rust out. The late man is always in a hurry. Make it a point to be on time. But we are differently constituted. Some are hard to wake, others are of a restless nature. It is wrong to waste valuable time in sleep. Having a desire

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to accomplish some great work will be a stimulus to wakefulness or to be studious is a good preventative against sleep. "Love not sleep lest thou come to poverty." It tends to hinder every good purpose in life and will be the first cause of not doing what we know to be a felt duty. There are many good examples of early rising and the promises are — "the hand of the diligent shall bear rule, but the slothful shall be under tribute."

CHAPTER IX.

THE BOY ON THE CORNER

The subject of boy life is becoming of vast importance in connection with the history and well-being of all lands. The provisions made for the boys of to-day are to a great extent up to the standard of real boy life. There is much to be learned from the study and history of boys. We may admire Wilberforce and West there are others with scarcely any outward mark that have and are running well the race of life. The conversation and influence of the corner life are such as will sap

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and undermine every true principle
and element of manhood.

Cockcombs and ever noisy race,
They're trumpets of their own disgrace."

After a long time I have not found nor heard of one real corner boy's success, have known many that have made a complete wreck and failure of life. It is a fact that there are certain amounts of dramatic element in boys for a boy is a boy and let him because it is unreasonable to expect men's work off boys. Often a little kindness is the beginning that will inspire boys with new energies, but it takes a long time to cheer up a discouraged, overworked boy. In order to save the boys there must be stronger efforts made in their behalf. We ought to have counter attractions at home. Then again there is the corner boy's influence on other boys that has made their chance of success a failure. This

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wild cat's idea is a hindrance in after years; the great ideal and want of to-day is

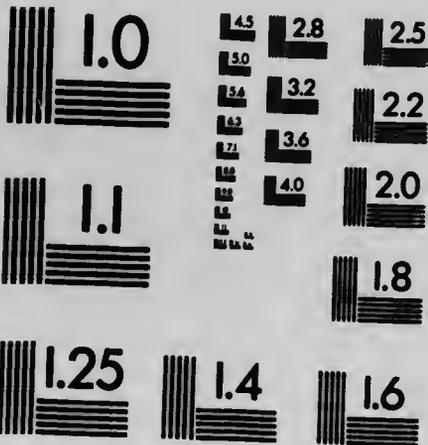
"Boys of spirit, boys of will,
Boys of muscle, brain and power."

Aim to live up to the standard of truth and duty. The secret of Joseph's success was that God was with him and if the full bent motive of boys are such as to commend them to the good and the true they may reasonably expect His blessing. Boys, be studious, have a purpose and success in yours.



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CHAPTER X.

THE SIN OF NEGLECT

Life is earnest. We need not question in regard to the purpose of it but study to have tact to make the best of things, careful to fulfill every promise as far as possible, for

“Words of life and beauty
Teach us faith and duty.”

The sin of neglect is one of the greatest sins of the age. It is not wise to neglect trivial duties or special attention to matters of importance. A line of trade that will not pay for proper attention is not worth meddling with.

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Finish your work in a workman-like manner, deal on the cash system, have a working capital. Our duty presents itself to us in many ways, well but then we always intended to help that Christian enterprise, but it is past and gone forever. Be prompt in every good intention and go on in the line of duty fearlessly for there is a power in vice to hinder. The great end and object in life is to be good and to do good. Early in life we have often failed to take hold of many new ideas that would have been in the near future of great benefit. The greatest of all neglect is to put off becoming a Christian.

CHAPTER XI.

WHEN TO QUIT

Forethought in all our plans is a good idea. There is a great difference between saying and doing. The best way is to work by system—more can be done in less time and to better satisfaction. After once forming the habit of doing work well we may succeed in our aim. Quit scolding — it has an evil tendency—quit quarrelling —kind words never die. The path of life is short — foolish talk gives a lightness of expression. A strong mind and courage take a stand in all the walks of life.

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"For who in life's battles firm doth stand
Shall bear hope, tender blossoms
Into the silent land."

Get a knowledge of men and things and be kind and sociable—never talk for the sake of argument nor go on leading a sinful life. The simple pass on and are punished. When we have acquired the desired amount of wealth it is wise to quit and retire from the cares of life with a quiet and contented mind, which is the supreme good. When a boy, my teacher told me a lot of things about a trustee meeting. In trying to remember it all I forgot it. Many a lecture, address and sermon has lost its good impressions by not knowing when to quit.

CHAPTER XII.

WEALTH

In writing on this great question there are many problems. We all have our own sphere of usefulness. There are different kinds of wealth. When we are enjoying the benefits of a strong, healthy constitution we have a priceless wealth. Our physical health and habits have a great deal to do with our success. There is a wealth of intelligence, the wisdom of the wise maketh rich. The sayings of the strong-minded and intelligent has been a great source of blessing. In

this age the masses as well as the learned class will size up and take stock of and there will be a price set on every one's work. The Lord giveth power to become rich, and if rightly used it is a great blessing. Peabody, Spurgeon and Talmage and many others have used their wealth for the good of others. There is wealth in beauty and wisdom as well as in money, lands and merchandise. Riches doth not endure forever, but Godliness with contentment is great gain. Wealth gained by intrigue, low means and extortion. By living in the same place for seventy-five years or eighty years you will see the beginning and the sad end of it. The worldly-minded have all their affections set on things of the earth. Life is said to be a dream, and is so short there is no time for sinful pleasure, but we should be earnest and active in every good work.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE HUNTER'S SONG

One stormy eve the snow
Was falling fast I'll go
And hunt the wild deer by the river
Out of the wood bound eight;
We shot one doe, missed the buck,
That's not to say we had bad luck.
The tom horse longed the distant ridge,
And on the day the Doctor shot partridges,
Around past along bang that our gun
This swamp the day they run
Sport saw George the deer were lying
At his feet he fired one shot eyeing
He saw another fall and not alone
Came through Birch Valley over the hill home.

Oh, say I saw a bear track near the hill
Care not to go the bear is cruel but still
For five I'll put you on his track
Face those bears alone, his gun in hand,
Through the wild forest bang, one fell when
Fiercer eyes were gleaming in the den
Bang! raging rolling out she came
Repeater bang! bang! dead dark night in winter
Surely no one can say but that is best
Go home content sleep sound hunter rest.

Away to the river, lake and rocky sound
Listen! we hear the baying of the hounds,
The hunting party quit their merry song,
They took their post by runway, lake and on.
That night each told his story of the hunt,
Partook a hearty meal, farmer, merchant, statesman,
Cracked their jokes, their game was seventeen
Deer in all, but one is not the cook began
To sing a Highland song that takes always,
Some told the story of their boyhood days.

CHAPTER XIV.

CANADA

In the study of this vast Dominion with all its great resources, land of the Red man, our forefathers met with great difficulties in hewing out homes for themselves. The first settlers or round builders knew little of the resources of the soil, but the U. E. loyalists left their impress on the country, while history tells us of the heroism of General Brock, General Wolfe and Mrs. Secord's long walk of twenty miles through the forest to accomplish a heroic deed. The old Union Jack is to-day the symbol of love, order and

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liberty in Canada. The British Empire and her allies have taught the Kaiser and the world a great moral lesson that right is might—the spirit of self-sacrifice inspires men to noble deeds.

“Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we through
The torch be yours to lift it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We will not sleep though poppies grow in Flanders
field.”

Our industries consist in turning the natural resources of our country to the best account. We have much good arable land, timber, fisheries, mines, and manufacturies. Our Government and judicial laws are good and in line with any other country in the world. All the Provinces have free public institutions and we will keep our Canadian Sabbaths, for they are the safeguard of the nation.

“And join in love together,
The Thistle, Shamrock and Rose entwine,
The Maple Leaf forever.”

We need to be careful of our interest. If Canada adopts Nelson's idea of everyone doing his duty we may look forward to the great future. Art teaches us to note what is fault. Ruskin said to love what is beautiful. Canada is a land of health, wealth and beauty, home of national freedom and religious liberty; churches with their methods of Christian work are raising up a standard. All spurious ideas destroy the body and poison the mind of the youth of our land. There is a strong national sentiment toward noble ideas, and by planning ahead we shall gain the power and potency of a great nation.

CHAPTER XV.

SINGING

From the earliest recollection the voice of song has been acceptable, the singing of nature has cheered the lonely traveller — it is said the morning stars sang together. Those who are naturally favoured with this gift ought to be grateful. It is also astonishing what others achieved through proper training. It is one of the best investments — it will give more real pleasure to the home life than anything else for the same amount of money. It is an exercise beneficial to health and pro-

motes physical strength—has a power to uplift the fallen. There are the sweet reminiscences of song that has often helped and animated the weary along the journey of life. Even the birds of the forest make the woods ring with their merry voice of song. Our patience is often tried when training the youthful voice but we are amply repaid, for it affords us the greatest enjoyment to hear a number of well-trained children sing. There is a beauty in the voice of children that is very attractive. Poor idea is noise without words—good singing is admired by all. It has the Divine benediction for the glory of the Lord filled the Temple. Cultivate singing in the home. There is something delightful and musical in the voice of the sweet singer. The voice of song elevates and has power to impress and uplift the masses—sing us one of the songs of Zion.

CHAPTER XVI.

SECOND THOUGHT

The greatest minds in our day are persons of sincere thought and sentiment. We would save a great amount of time, sorrow and care by giving things proper thought. We take time for other things, why not time to think? Well, to get down not to dreams or to borrow trouble but to take a few lively sincere thoughts on a matter of importance. General Foch said at the battle of the Marne, "My right has been driven back, my left has been turned, my centre has been smashed, I have ordered an advance

on all directions." He saved the day. Wicked thoughts have an evil tendency, and when acted upon they exert an injurious influence. A Scotchman once said he prepared to take a night's sleep before undertaking anything of a serious nature. A system of error may appear at first thought right of presenting it in its most feasible aspect. An agreement or business transaction may be well meaning, but if time was taken to look over it, it may often prove that much loss would be its ultimate result. If we take time to think we may succeed in every good purpose and work.

CHAPTER XVII.

ORANGEMEN

Our appreciation of Orangeism is increased by the fact that it tends to elevate and strengthen the bonds of our common brotherhood. Their object is to oppose any system or element of division that will lead away from the truth. From the time of its institution in Ireland in 1795 they have upheld and advanced the fundamental truths and principles of Protestantism, honored the Bible and defended and helped Christianity. They have been a stimulus to the advance of the moral reforms of the age.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime."

It has been said the Bible and Orangemen have given us the only true liberty; at all events their motives are a civilizing influence that favours liberty and intelligence. They may differ in some things but there is a oneness in the principles they teach that have stood well on their own merits. Wherein is the wisdom of leaning upon that which has always proven to be a broken reed. Looking at the world's drivers and the world's leaders history reminds us of some whose sole aim and object was to conquer and who used all their efforts for this selfish end, which finally resulted in entirely the reverse, consequently making their life a failure, while others, through peaceful means, have done much for the world's betterment, which is by far a more excellent way.

The Prince of Peace was the greatest leader the world ever saw. Our aim and idea of work should possess the

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elements that will lead our fellow-men up into a higher, nobler life. It is only reasonable and right to allow those who differ from us their own opinion and freedom of thought on secular as well as religious matters.

But that which commends itself more especially in Orangeism is the fact that it has only one standard and the young and rising generation intend to rally round it stronger than ever. With their diversity of opinion there may be one object and purpose. Divisions are not good as they do not tend to promote a peace-loving spirit. Family disputes often mean to break up the home and give it to strangers, but it is almost impossible for anyone to get the advantage of a member of a well organized united family. I know ten of a united family raised on a farm; five are retired, the rest are well settled. I am greatly benefited by the impressions made on me in very early

life by my earnest good Christian mother. We should give our homes the best, and make them as attractive as possible. There has been much good effected by the influence of a united Christian family.

It is best to cultivate a forgiving spirit. Quarrelling tends to undermine the moral character, and that which lowers the family will also the nation. The ruin of a country is due to its own divisions. It has been said the human and the divine must unite before charity will clothe the poor.

By sending men to represent us with ability, right principles and far-seeing, we may have a strong Government and a prosperous country. It is a good sign of the time to see the spirit of unity that is now prevailing in the churches, and this is one of the reasons that Christianity is progressing for the fellowship of kindred minds, is so like to that above.

CHAPTER XVIII.

TEMPERANCE

(Written October, 1878)

I notice that our temperance people are like sheep having no shepherd. They wander about the streets, driven by the inclemency of the weather into the hotels. It seems strange to me, but it is the old story, the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

They go about to supply the wants of the people. They have a free yard with good sheds, ornamental bar-room and music to attract our young

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THOMAS A. EDISON
Inventor

folks. The care of the public has been left to the hotel keepers and they are up to the standard in many things, but they say, "What's the use of talking," strong drink has and always will be sold, but that does not justify or give any reason why it should, for sin is the cause of all our woe. If the same capital was invested in any other good business we would all receive the benefit.

This question is one of vital importance, when we look at all the misery and ruin made by the traffic. The United States has plainly said they do not want a return of this national curse. Contrast Livingstone's work in South Africa with the exile system to Siberia, which has done the most lasting good for the well-being of its subjects.

The Y.M.C.A. is one place in the right direction, although it has a mission. In this progressive age there

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should be a place having and utilizing all that belongs to temperance, and all the leading workers should give the command forward all along the line of moral reform.

The light of the world is Jesus, Who is the head of the Church, that exerts a very great influence over the world. Our Saviour turned the water into wine, which is an emblem of purity. Probably in some cases intoxicating wine has been the cause of the first step to a life of misery.

CHAPTER XIX.

THE BEACON LIGHT

This beautiful world still gives us the contrast between light and darkness, fiction and truth, while art and science has added lustre, and beauty helped us to have a clear conception of the greater works of creation.

Yet we admire those weaker lights of human skill and work that has done so much good, they are lesser lights of earnest work. The Eddystone Lighthouse beacon light on dead man's bar, Yarmouth and Cape End beacon on the English Coast, the highest in the

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world. On some Scottish hills there once burnt those beacon lights of victory.

The advance of science, agriculture and literature helps us to see more clearly the way marks of life; then we have the reflection of natural lights, the light of wisdom that gives us to understand.

There was the old time candle and our modern system of light, attractive and yet dangerous to trifle with. Going to the camp at Redstone Lake we saw a light in the distance, suggested the men should go straight for it. Would have been out in a long swamp all night with lynx and wolves. The Bible is an old time light that is always safe to follow and reflected rays of light from the better land gives us hope as we pass along the journey of life in the Star of Bethlehem appears the dawning of a better day the old paths of right and truth.

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The grand Christian age of light and liberty instead of the dark age of superstition and error.

"Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads Heavenly peace around,
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound."

CHAPTER XX.B

HYMN

1st

Hail Star of hope and trust,
Redeemer of the World,
The atonement made for us
That prophets, teachers all foretold.

2nd

Noble, true example great
Our Captain from Judas line
Was strong to purpose and to wait
His words and works Divine.

3rd

Every side by false accusors pressed
By those with glare of gold,
Their thought affections all unrest,
Our Saviour on the Cross behold.

4th

Was lifted up attractive centre
Rules and reigns our intercessor,
By his life and death forever,
Free indeed we should remember.

PART THREE
HAVE AN IDEAL

CHAPTER I.
TEMPTATION

I would like to express my views on this subject. Persons not having any decided object in view are more liable to be overcome by temptation. When off their guard the enemy takes the advantage and they overcome in some unexpected way. We want to answer finally when tempted to do wrong.

In every temptation there is promised a way of escape. Another very weak point is to get over on Satan's grounds. Whatever sin your heart is pray to keep off the enemy's ground for there is only one stronger than the Devil, that is God.

CHAPTER II.

ENCOURAGE THE BOYS

Those who have had the training of boys will admit that kindness and encouragement will do very much towards drawing out their best traits of character.

By taking notice of a number of lads playing in a field free of restraint, there is always one to lead suggesting a play or holding up a flag.

Boys, don't act mean. Men have no use for snobs anywhere. By helping an overworker, discouraged, sad boy, I had the pleasure of seeing him grow up a strong, energetic young man, and

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four more in the North-West are all doing well, one in a bank. There is a great difference in the physical and mental faculties of boys that require judgment and foresight as to what course to take.

My opinion is, it is not best to tell a lad all the work he has to do at once, neither is it good after a fair day's work, if done a little before the time to want more. Boys will form their opinion. Confidence once lost is not easily regained. There is nothing human or Christian in breaking down a boy.

And having no joy set before him or a purpose he is like a foundered ship at sea, hopeless.

CHAPTER III.

CAUSES OF FAILURE

Looking out into the great arena of business life and seeing, after much energy, labour and care, failure we are led up to consider the cause. Sailing upon the sea of life we read and hear about ways of success but seldom of the breakers ahead.

The logic of facts are the most stubborn and convincing and self-will is at the post of human misery. Commencing life without a purpose is one of the leading causes of failure. It often comes for want of capital having to buy and sell to disadvantage other

times for want of business tact or judgment. There is nothing succeeds like success. The young should concentrate their efforts on some object.

The Bible is the best business guide. The mind is the greatest part in man and to choose the highest of all inspiration is to elevate the strain of human thought and life. It is not wise to keep up a steady talk or give a one-sided opinion of failures, for who can tell how they may stand financially ten or twenty years from now.

Nelson said at the Battle of Trafalgar to some of his men that were quarrelling, "There is the enemy, shake hands and be friends."

Away our needless fears. All have their trials. Some have to pass through the furnace, follow the good example of those who from youth to old age have walked in the way of life.

CHAPTER IV.

MISREPRESENTATION

There is a great conflict between truth and error. The fact that there are so many that are not truly represented is sufficient evidence that the sin of lying abounds. It is by what we do that people will have their estimate on us.

“Through each perplexing path of life,
Our wandering footsteps guide.”

We have presented to us false views of happiness that are like the mirage of the desert, gives us a false hope.

On many questions of the day there are efforts to misrepresent instead of being guided by the truth. All attempts to undermine and upset the truth will be in vain, for it is a certain fact that no lie is of the truth.

CHAPTER V.

THE FIERY FURNACE

Tried men are almost always best for a great work. We are often put through the threshing machines of life. Moses in Egypt, St. Paul at the feet of Gamabiel. Those that have attained to the highest point of usefulness have in some way gone through a system of education in youth.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain,
God is His own interpreter
And He will make it plain."

The men of earnest important decision of character have often severe

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trials, but we are God's noblest creatures and experience teaches us the best lesson.

"Lead thou me on,
One step enough for me."

Faith in God, courage and patience will make us strong to be and to be prepared for the work of life. The promises are to him that overcometh. God will put a right estimate on all the work of life.

CHAPTER VI.

MUSIC

Music and painting draws out the finer qualities and is one of the leading ideas of home life. It makes home attractive for the children and the human voice tends to make it strong. Mozart was a born musician and attained to the highest rank in that profession.

Music is said to be the delights of the sons of men. The flute, harp and piano are among the sweetest sounding instruments. It takes away the sadness and gives us strength to endure. Shakespeare once said the man

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that has no music in his soul and is not stirred with concord of sweet sound is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils. David's ancient harp drove the evil spirit out of Saul. Miriam's timbral inspired courage and modern music dispels fear, awakens loyalty and heroism in the soldier. Music has a very clear sound on water, especially band music.

"Music the Chief of Zion's men amply
Unites all hearts with harmony and joy."

Music has a soul inspiring tendency, sing oh blissful music with every note you raise. It has given power to the preaching of the gospel, but our idea of music is nothing in comparison with the triumphal music of Heaven.



SIR ROBERT BORDEN
Premier of Canada

CHAPTER VII.

BE OF GOOD CHEER

It is a good idea for everybody, if possible, to be cheerful. There is nothing winsome or attractive in a long, sad face. It is also a poor representative of the Christian life. To be pleasant and to have a merry heart is beneficial to health, for it doeth good like a medicine.

“Let our hearts be always cheerful,
Why should murmuring enter there?”

When sailing on life's tempestuous ocean, how well it is to have him who is able to still the stormy winds, heal the sick and all sufficient Saviour the Prince of Peace. Times may change, but the truth never. Atheism, materialism, evolution and all the rest of it may come and go, but we will serve the Lord with gladness.

CHAPTER VIII.

WHAT MANNER OF LOVE

The subject of love seems to apply to our nobler nature and there are many objects that deserve our best wishes, but in order to ascertain what is the most loveable we should have an idea.

There are animal, human, and love of the Divine. What is loveable to me may not be at all attractive to another. There is a certain amount of regard due to some animals that are useful, yet to allow them to take all our attention is indicative of a small mind

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and love without a mind must be a careless love.

Having a knowledge how to extend our sympathy we may use it to better effect, for love is a power for good. It is said to be stronger than death, but being blessed with an amiable disposition and a right conception of love, we are not so liable to use that selfish kind to our fellow beings, for the law of love takes a wider range and says,

“Thy neighbour it is he whom thou
Has power, aid and bliss.”

Love inspires us to kindly acts of a generous nature and the most preferable of all is intelligent love that has some good aim or expression of kindness.

THE GOLDEN RUSSET

This tree has many good qualities, especially in its natural power of endurance; the apple is a good cooker and keeper, but on account of the way this tree was situated it has met with abuse and for the time being appeared to be dead, but it possessed the elements of life, and this year it bore a great crop of beautiful russets.

It very much reminded me of our leading statesman and Premier, Sir John A. MacDonald, who, after so much care and work, only appears to be springing into life, for when we look around and see all the factories and business enterprises busy and in a good, prosperous condition, we'll say our country is alright, but we need to send men of experience and principles qualified and adapted for the work of governing our country.

CHAPTER IX.

LUMBERMEN

The study of this business in all its varied branches afford much that is beneficial and interesting. Men in this age of activity are exerting every effort of means in the accomplishment of some business enterprise. The lumbering interest of this country has attracted and benefited all other lines of trade, and is one of the greatest sources of labour. They have all done their part in opening up the country and are a great factor in its general improvement. They take large contracts and schemes that involve the

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expenditure of millions of money. Their immense interest in timber limits show they are an active, enterprising class of men. The bushman's song is:

"The ash and the oak
And the bonnie birch tree
Are all growing green
In the North America."

Always cheerful and joyous, strong and healthy, each gang is under a foreman that has to invent many contrivances and often exhibit daring and skill in their work. The cook, road cutter, teamster, river driver and raftsman have all their own special work. Men working at timber do not always sing by note, but they can make the woods ring as they pass along early in the morning over the forest hills.

"With their axes on their shoulders,
The Norway fir to fall."

Lumberman are to a great extent public benefactors and a benediction

to the working classes. Through the lumbering business our country has steadily advanced. And from a moral standpoint they have kept abreast of other lines in respect for the Sabbath, willing to tend a helping hand and take an intelligent interest in any good work.

CHAPTER X.

THE BRITISH NAVY

The mariners' mission is one that is invested with much interest. The sailors' life is a work of hardships, their physical strength is often taxed by their hazardous undertakings and bravery.

"In other climes they work, explore,
And see thy wonders in the deep."

Many go down to the sea in ships to carry out the marine department of business life. We recognize the genius of shipbuilding and the invisible force that impels them.

Alfred the Great built the first English fleet, and the origin of the naval power that has since made itself a wonderful force and element for good in the world for the Navy, commands and obtains respect from every British subject, and is the first naval power in the world loyal to the nation and interested in the welfare of the Empire. When we see their great mission and human sympathy in the Royal Naval Reserve organization, Seamen's Orphans' institution at Liverpool, it gives us an intelligent idea of the mariners' life and industry. The Union Jack, borne by army and navy, is still the pride of the sailor, and looked on as the British Flag of Liberty, and we, as Canadians, are happy to contribute to the strength and honour of the United Kingdom. Dan. O'Connell was once asked what was the best way to break up a nation — divide them.

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"The swift eagle and the Russian bear,
Men of the Maple Leaf were there
To fight for the old flag,
The flag that stands for Liberty.
They have fought the Empire's battles,
And victorious as the brave
They have nobly done their duty,
Worked like heroes on the waves."

The sceptre of England is the sceptre
of unity, liberty and power, and this
strong aggressive nation, as our most
gracious sovereign Queen Victoria,
had the moral courage to say, owes its
greatness to the Bible that is shedding
its influence and light over every land.

CHAPTER XI.

MISSIONS

The Church is steadily progressing in its mission on earth. The Israelites were the missionaries of the nations — it is one of the greatest enterprises of the Church. St. Patrick's mission to Ireland, President Wilson, Lloyd George and other missions to the great Peace Conference will leave an impress on the world and will be felt to the end of time.

In the psalm of life

“Every one of us has a mission,
The stars that shine above us,
The flower that decks the sod,
Proclaim aloud the glory of our God.”

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All the progress that has been made in art, science and the study of nature has gone to prove the truthfulness of the sayings of Jesus. What has infidelity, evolution and all other systems of error done for the good of humanity? There are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation—go tell my brethren.

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QUEEN VICTORIA
In the 60th Year of her Reign

CHAPTER XI.A

THE BIBLE.

The sea is one of the greatest things to represent the attributes of God and the writings of Scripture touch life at its centre. It is a teacher of precepts and a book of general knowledge and is profitable, for all things enter into all the details of life—a book of varieties that has no comparison in influence, impressiveness or duration. All this goes to prove that the Bible is inspired—it is the Book. There is a great difference between the Bible estimate of our work and our own.

“We wont give up the Bible,
God’s Holy Book of Truth,
The blessed staff of hoary age,
The guide of early youth.”

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Christianity gives us the truest idea of real life and the Bible gives a true biography of human life and work is not one-sided, gives a full account of men, good or bad. The Bible student is always on his guard—if we follow its teachings, we will become strong to will and to do. Its principles are right, foundation stones of success and the best counsellor. Beethoven once said, "Oh man, help thyself."

Scripture reading cultivates self; gives us an idea of every useful business line — the Bible is dramatic in story of the great men and women in the world and is within the reach of all and has been sent into all lands.

CHAPTER XII.

HISTORY OF CHRIST'S LIFE

The greatest victors are those quiet victors of action. History is the voice of God speaking among the destinies of men. The sayings of Jesus has a deep, wide meaning and His mission enobles the life of all.

There are incidents in the life of children that are worthy of note. Many accounts in the childhood of Jesus—the shepherds in the field, wise men from the east, His flight into Egypt--His was a great and glorious mission.

The ignorance that will not know is the worst. The loving, earnest and

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obedient boyhood days of Jesus were full of intense interest. His choice in early life of the Temple help to make Him the greatest teacher. Love will unseal by a single touch, while contempt closes for ever.

The task of real life soon surrounded Him and His was the most noble and heroic. He became the most impressive teacher and gave us an ideal that tends to the elevation of life and character. His prophesies, miracles, walking on the sea, all show that He was human and Divine and His life of self-sacrifice was the most acceptable service. Jesus spent His life in the greatest ministrations and gave it a ransom for us all.

The Governor marvelled at Christ's majestic silence. The essence of charity is self-denial. Farewell to Galilee, to the Temple His last discourse last supper He said occupy till I come.



ADA PAYNE
Missionary



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From the hour of Christ's death holiness became the universal ideal in every region of life. Its influences are felt. The world needed a Saviour to lift it up into a better life.

"Meanwhile along the rugged narrow path,
Thyself hast trod;
Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith,
Home to my God,
To rest forever after earthly strife,
In the calm light of everlasting life."

CHAPTER XIII.

FINISHED WORK

When reviewing the beautiful works of Nature we readily admit the hand that make it is Divine. Everyone has a work to do. We should be able to finish our work, for in grasping too much we are liable to loose all.

Having a good purpose we should have enough will power to make circumstances bend to our will, so as to attain the end, for where there is a will there is a way. There is never much benefit received from any half-done work. A field only partly cultivated could not reasonably be expect-

ed to produce a full crop, and the same rule will hold good in every other business—it pays to do work well.

A machine that is well finished will sell, work and give better satisfaction—it is a very different matter to ascertain the value of an unfinished work.

When speaking on a subject of much importance, if said in a careless way, the impression will not have much effect, and often very serious trouble, disappointment and accident occur through leaving things partly and carelessly done. The same careful, honest principles used in carrying out a worldly pursuit will work best in order to complete a Christian purpose.

If we consider the extent and greatness of an undertaking we shall have the pleasure of saying, "I have finished the work that was given me to do."

"Toil on and in thy toil rejoice,
For toil comes rest for exile home."

CHAPTER XIV.

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS

Studying the history of Nature we find there is no standstill while we behold the beauty and grandeur of the things that are temporal and receive and enjoy the benefit of the lessons they are intended to teach, yet there is another voice beyond that of Nature that speaks to us profoundly of that which is abiding. In fact this is an age in which all matters, whether secular or religious, have to be tested and the strength, influence and real worth of the truth will be tried and felt in all parts of the habitable world.

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God has never left himself without a witness in the dark ages. In the middle age there was a moral standard and the Christian age had many societies of Christian endeavour that will do lasting good and add to the best interests of the Church. The strongest and most fixed passion of the human heart is liberty and the Christian lives a life of liberty. There is an attractiveness about the Christian religion that leads us on to the Giver of all good.

It has inspired the Pilgrim Fathers and many others with zeal and courage to live heroic deeds and has given us an idea of a higher civilization and the human voice is the receptacle of Divine inspiration. Christian work is bright and glorious, its design, aim and purpose is to save the world.

“They call us to deliver
Their land from errors chain.”

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After all the hindrances to the advance of Christianity, we can rejoice in the fact that Jesus is drawing men unto Him, and He is to-day the centre of attraction.

CHAPTER XV.

THE ENDLESS CHAIN

Those who are engaged in teaching of music have done much in all lands to cultivate and train the voice. The singing that has cheered and animated humanity on earth will be linked and united to the song of Heaven.

It is very difficult for any one business enterprise to exist along without the other—they are all linked and interlinked so as to become one useful chain of life, giving principles and events that lead on to the accomplishment of some great work. We are all

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architects of fate and one historical event links into another. Chains are generally used in the lumbering business. They have one at the hoist at Whitney to take the logs over the mountains. This, as well as every link in the chain of human effort, has been tested in some way. They also use the chain to haul logs overland and in saw mills, pulleys and many other ways. It is made of the very best material so as to be perfectly safe, especially in lumbering, mining and shipping operations, for a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Every new invention, discovery or idea is another link in this chain.

There is a recreative power in the life that lives and seeks to help humanity. In studying the History of Nations there is one leading chain of events running through from the beginning. A chain is strength, power, durability and unity. The trade be-

tween nations is essential to the welfare of each. Strong and endless is the chain that binds together the British Empire. To take an active part in any one of the leading industries of this or any other country will mean to have some share in the great industrial chain that binds all human effort in one great design.

This is an age of profound thought and education. One generation cometh, another goeth, and endless chain of human events occurring all the time. The Bible History and truth is the strongest link in this chain.

We cannot make up the missing links of life, ill spent time and Christian workers become the great chain to help strengthen and lift up the weak and the fallen and invite them to a higher, better and nobler life. The severest punishment in the Bible was given to the man that did nothing, only fared sumptuously every day.

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In all the walks of life this great chain of Christian usefulness tends to strengthen, build up and bind together the people of all lands.

This mysterious chain of living events has come down to the ages in its great work, design and mission.



