

Duty's Path.

Out from the harbor of youth's bay
The e'leas the path of pleasure;
With eager steps we walk that way
To bring joy's largest measure.

Then on our vision dawns afar
The goal of glory, gleaming
Like some great radiant solar star,
And sets us longing, dreaming.

We turn our sad, reluctant gaze
Upon the path of duty:
Its barren, uninviting ways
And void of bloom and beauty.

Yet in that road, though dark and cold
It seems as we begin it,
As we press on to its behead
There's heaven in it.

- ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

The Chief Church Member.

WHOSOEVER will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

The pastor had concluded a sermon from this text, in which he had tried to portray the greatness of the ministry which was possible to the weakest member of the church.

Well, Robert, what is it?
I liked that sermon very much.
I would like to become the Chief Church Member. I can't do much, but I'm willing to do anything you say.

Begin with the little things which no one else is willing to do, said the pastor.

A blank look of wonder, which was really comical, shone in Lister's large blue eyes. Then a bright smile instantly transfigured his homely face.

The ladies of the Missionary Society were discussing the distribution of the printed notices announcing that a returned missionary would speak in the church.

We cannot afford to pay to have it done; the boys who distributed the last notices threw them away in bunches, so that they were almost utterly useless.

Robert Lister stepped up and said:
Ladies, I have a pair of big feet that cover a good deal of ground when I stand still.

But, Robert, you have to work hard all day; when will you get time to do it?

I do not expect you to give me anything. I will do the work for God, and let him pay me.

The work was done so thoroughly and faithfully that Lister was immediately chosen for the position of Bill Distributor for the church.

What shall we do about the tables and seats? There is so much lifting and carrying to do, and no one likes to do it.

Lister modestly said:
I am not fit for much but to run errands and carry burdens.

The night before the receptions Robert worked for several hours, carrying and piling up the seats in a side-room and arranging the tables, which he had to bring from their dusty resting place in the cellar.

It soon came to the notice of the church that one member was always willing and always ready to do the many little things which no one else cared to undertake.

Before I became a Christian, I learned to give as well as take

three months he was the most conspicuous man in the congregation. He was sought after by everybody. No occasion was complete that did not enjoy his humble ministry.

How could we get along without him?
At the close of a prayer meeting the pastor announced that he wanted a volunteer for a very unpleasant duty.

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The most important place in our church is vacant. Our friend and brother, who has occupied it for a year, has gone to bless another church and community.

At the close of the sermon, another man just as poor and diffident, sat near the pulpit until the congregation had gone.

There is no Christian duty which is performed in a more slovenly manner by many good people than the duty of giving.

The white face in the bed smiled. And the best of it all is that there always is a south side, she answered—the sun's side, and God's—Well spring.

In this world be one with others in mutual love and service; then not only the angels and saints will be one with you, but even God himself, here, and still more there in the future world, when God shall be all in all.

The life of man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and willing service.—Longfellow.

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I had a very sore foot through having a nail run in it, and was unable to walk. I started applying Hagyard's Yellow Oil and in a short time the soreness was gone and I was soon able to walk again.

DAVID McLELLAN, Pelee Island North, Ont.

The infuriated saloon keeper struck a savage blow at Robert's head with the mallet. It would have been fatal had it reached him.

The crowd, aghast at the exhibition of such unexpected, marvellous strength, stood in silence, motionless.

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What shall we do now? Who will take his place?
The pastor, who had not lost a valuable helper merely, but a beloved friend, announced to the congregation:

At a missionary meeting held among the negroes at Jamaica, these resolutions were agreed upon.
1. We will all give something.
2. We will all give as God has enabled us.

The mother rushed into Robert's house one evening in a frenzy of grief and despair, sobbing that her boy had been coaxed into a saloon and his fortnight's wages would be squandered and she would be left in want.

The saloon keeper, seeing that he was likely to lose the young man's money, came around from behind the bar with a heavy mallet in his hand.

The time will come, says the venerable Dr. Alexander, and I cannot but hope that it is near at hand, when all the difficulty about the funds for the spread of the gospel

will be done away; when Christians will learn a lesson which hitherto they have been very slow to learn, that the richest enjoyment of wealth is to give its increase to the treasury of the Lord.

May I come in, dear? called the girl's bright voice.
Pull the bobbin and the latch will fly up, was the merry answer.

The girl pushed open the door and ran across the room to the bed. Nobody could have guessed the pain and the wearisome plaster cast from the cherry voice; still less could one have guessed that the need to earn made the weeks of pain still harder to bear.

Twenty minutes later she returned laden with autumn bloom.
You were right, she said. I had no idea that the south side made such a difference.

The girl stopped her pretty work. Now I understand the difference! she said slowly. You will insist, willful woman that you are, in living on the south side of life, and getting every bit of sunshine there is, while most of us deliberately go and sit on the north side and gumble because it's cold!

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The man who lives for the next world gets the most good out of this one. His passions are subdued, he has right principles of action, he has sublime subjects for contemplation, his sorrows are alleviated. Besides giving a relish to his earthly pleasures, Christianity gives him new pleasures, death is robbed of its terrors, he is blessed with promises that give him comfort by the way, he has special blessings in longer life, better health, brighter hopes, a more cheerful disposition, better principles of action, more of friendship and love in his life, increased usefulness, ability to meet the conflicts and trials of this life, and a broader view of life and duty.

The Lord is so merciful that he never disdain our prayer, but mercifully accepts it and corrects its imperfection, provided only that we turn to him sincerely and do not entirely forget him.

A wise man will desire no more than what he may obtain justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and live upon contentedly.

To be content to remain ignorant of what God has not thought proper to reveal, forms no inconsiderable part of Christian learning.

No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him; there is always work, and tools to work withal, for those who will.

"So you've set up a hired girl," said farmer Muchland to his son. "Your mother never had a hired girl. She worked early and late, and raised a family. Hired girl indeed! Look at your mother, sir."

"It's just looking at mother," said the son, "made me resolve that my children's mother should never look like her, worn out in her prime."

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Mother got some medicine, it did me no good.

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