

He Leadeth Me.

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me

Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright; Out of the sunshine into darkest night.

And by still waters? No, not always so; Oftimes the heavy tempest round me blows.

So, whether on the hill-tops high and fair I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where The shadows lie, what matter? He is there.

And more than this: where'er the pathway lead, He gives to me no helpless, broken need?

So, where he leads me I can safely go, And in the best hereafter I shall know Why, in his wisdom, he hath led me so.

The Trifles of Life.

When Jacob "lighted upon a certain place," it seemed to him as only an incident, as one of the trifles of life.

Look carefully after the small things of life, and the big things will take care of themselves, for it takes only a certain number of small things to make a big thing.

There are no trifles in life. May God help us to understand the importance of little things, and to be "faithful in that which is least."

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With other men it is not so. They have chosen to have their own will. They, too, hear the voice of the Lord, and, for the most part, they acknowledge His authority.

Another fact is that little things may have a mighty influence for harm. We are often great sinners in little things.

hundred thousand dollars. God emphasizes our responsibility for every act. Christ bids us be careful to keep "the least" of his commandments.

"Let that worm alone and it will kill your tree," said a man once to a gardener in his park. Sure enough, the gardener neglected the little borer, and next year yellow leaves showed that the tree had been assassinated by the worm.

Little things, on the other hand, may have a mighty influence for good. The children sing how— "Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make the mighty ocean and the beautiful land."

You remember the little speech you used to make, beginning: "Great oaks from little acorns grow." Well, it is true that great results grow from very little acts.

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The Ready Man.

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A school-teacher in the West tells of an incorrigible scholar who was so willful and disobedient as to be a constant menace to the order and discipline of the school.

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passed away, and the teacher went about her work. But at last the stubborn heart yielded, and, touching her teacher gently on the arm, and laying her weary head upon her shoulder, with a sigh that came from the bottom of her heart, she said, "I am ready."

So we often try the patience of our divine Master. He calls us, pleads with us, waits for us, pities us and makes the way as easy for us.

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They are ready to bear testimony for Christ. "Be ready always to give an answer to everyone that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you."

They are ready to work for Christ. "Be ready to every good work."

They are ready to suffer for Christ. "What mean ye to weep and break my heart? I am ready, not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

The Dissolution of the Home.

Few things are sadder than the gradual dissolution of a family circle. When, moreover, it once begins, it goes forward with a rapidity that is almost startling.

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of corn or an ounce of silver is worth more than a ton of sentiment, we wish to protest against the criminal carelessness and indifference that allows all the glory to fade out of wedded life, and suffers it to become a dull, monotonous, and commonplace thing.

It is a pathetic picture, this of the old man and his old wife trying still to keep a cheerful spirit in the empty house that once rang with the laughter of happy children.

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lives of some of the members as the cause of all the trouble.

The danger is that mutual criminations and recriminations will take the place of prayer and holy living. Brotherly kindness goes out and bitterness comes in.

The great need is that each one shall come back to God. Enter into his secret place of the Most High and seek a renewal of spiritual life.

The great need of the churches and of the country today is a closer walk with God. Methods and machinery are not useless but without God they avail nothing.

The Hacking Cough.

One of the meanest things to get rid of is a hacking cough. There is apparently no cause for it. No soreness, no irritation at first; but the involuntary efforts of the muscles of the throat to get rid of something is almost constant.

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