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### OUR TOPIC TALK.

JULY 12.—*What the Holy Spirit can do for me.* John 16: 5-15.

I. He can convince.

(1) Of sin. The spirit coming in power demonstrated the error of those who had refused to believe in Christ. (Acts 2: 36, 37.)

(2) Of Christ's righteousness. The resurrection proved that Christ had rightly claimed to be the Son of God. It was the spirit that opened the disciples' eyes to see the truth.

(3) Of judgment. Christ overcame the powers of death and revealed a future for the soul. (Heb. 2: 14; 2 Tim. 1: 10; Acts 17: 31.)

II. He guides and reveals.

(1) The spirit teaches me duty.

(2) He reveals Christ the perfect ideal and the only true standard by which I may estimate myself and my deeds.

(3) He alone can guide me into the secrets of peace and holiness.

(4) Through the spirit a foretaste of the glory yet to be revealed is made possible. S.J.C.



### LEAGUE.

The Tenth Annual Session of the League will be held at Marysville, August 4th-6th.

On account of the absence from the province of the Secretary, Rev. M. L. Gregg, I have been requested by the Executive to attend to such work as must be done by the Corresponding Secretary in getting ready for the Convention.

Blank forms will be sent at once to each Society that reports may be forwarded to the League by the delegates. In order that no Society may be overlooked, I would request that the name of the Corresponding Secretary of EACH Society be forwarded to me AT ONCE. If this is not done and your Society not reported the fault will be your own.

Better select your delegates at once, one for each ten active members, with the President and Cor. Sec.

An attractive programme is being prepared, among other good things will be an address by Rev. Dr. Anthony of Lewiston, Me.

Let us all attend to business now and get ready for the League.

F. CLARKE HARTLEY,  
Fredericton, N. B., June 25, 1903.

### YOUNG MEN'S INFLUENCE.

In considering this subject let us first think what an influence is. To find this out we have only to look around us in everyday life, and we will find that it is the impressions a man makes on his associates—perhaps for good; perhaps for evil. We see a man doing one thing, then another and another; and the impressions these leave on other people we call his influence.

We may ask, "Cannot a man live so as to not to influence anyone?" To this question I would emphatically answer "No." If everyone in this world could live all to himself and influence no one else, this would be a very happy place; but it is not so. Man's reputation is formed by his influence. The influence one person exerts on another is wonderful. Just as when a pebble is dropped in a clear, smooth pond and the ripples rise, one after another, one after another; so may the words a man speaks, the deeds he does pass from one person to another, then on to a third, and where may it not go? This thought suggests the words of Tennyson:

"Our echoes roll from soul to soul  
And grow forever and forever."

I think the influence of a man is much greater than that of a woman;—First, because he sees more of the world and its ways. Second, that by his nature his influence is greater. Third. That he can get an entry into places where a woman is not permitted to go.

I. In dealing with the first of these perhaps, dear readers, many of you will not agree with me that this is so; nevertheless I shall hold to my opinion. If a woman sees as much or more of the world than a man, then I say she is not in her right position. Man's work calls him to be among more people, and who can imagine the vast influence he has? If this influence be for good, what a large amount of good will be done; but if on the other hand it be for evil the influence seems to be doubled. It is very true that we will become like those with whom we associate—their influence either rules us or else our influence rules them.

The impress which a man leaves upon the world will depend upon what he does and says, but what he does and says will depend upon what he really is, for Emerson says, "Use what language we will, we cannot say anything but what we are." Therefore a man's influence depends upon his character. Character! How shall we define it? Professor Moulton says, "Character is the shadow of our own past life." Therefore how careful we should be in forming our habits. We have the power of choosing between right and wrong, but a wrong choice is sure to weaken us. The man who has pluck enough to make a choice, whether for right or wrong, and stick to it, will have a greater influence than the man who has not will-power enough to make a choice. A man may be very good and still his influence amounts to naught simply because he remains silent. Thoreau says, "Be not simply good. Be good for something."

How much good might be done by the life of one man! In how many different ways may his influence be thrown out! By the glance of the

eye, the grasp of the hand, a kind word, a charitable deed and in many other ways.

II. The second thought to be considered was, that by man's nature he exerted a greater influence. It is not, "Does he exert a greater influence?" but "He should do so, because it is his duty." Man was made to govern, therefore his influence must be greater.

III. The last thought was, man's influence is greater because he can get an entry into places where a woman is not permitted to go. I think this is the greatest chance a man has of doing good.

A man can go into a bar-room and other such places and if he be a man with a good influence, what might he not do? But you may say, "A woman could go there also." I will not deny the fact, but I think it is no place for a woman and a still stronger reason is that those who see her going there will judge her wrongly, and therefore a greater evil will be done than the one she was seeking to help. Lastly, I hope that all who may read this will remember that,

"Wh'er'er a noble deed is wrought,  
Where'er is spoken a noble thought,  
Our hearts in glad surprise  
To higher levels rise."

M. GERTRUDE MCKINNON,  
Rec. Sec. Fredericton Society.

NOTE.—So much for a "Young Man's Influence," from a young woman's point of view. Next week we shall have "A Young Woman's Influence," from a young man's standpoint. Com.



### WHAT A GIRL DID FOR HER FATHER.

Some years ago a minister was called to see a girl seven years old, who was dying. She lived in a back street. When the minister got there, a woman showed him where the child was, and he sat down to talk with her.

"What do you want, darling?"

"Well, sir, I wanted to see you before I died."

"Are you dying?"

"Yes, sir."

"Would you not like to get well again?"

"I hope not, sir."

"Why not?"

"Oh, sir, ever since I became a Christian I have been trying to bring my father to church, and he won't come; and I think if I die you will bury me, won't you?"

"Yes, darling."

"Yes, I have been thinking if I die father must come to the funeral. Then you will be able to preach the gospel to him, and I should be willing to die for him to hear the Gospel once."

She died, as she expected, and just before the time she was to be buried the minister himself was taken sick, and could not attend the funeral. But some time after a rough-looking man called upon him, and held out his hand.

"You don't know me?"

"No, I don't."

"I am the father of Mary—the father she died for. I heard as how she said she would die six times if I could hear the Gospel once. It nearly broke my heart. Now I want to join the inquirer's class."

He did join, and became a true friend of Christ. The little girl was

### WHEN LIFE'S AT STAKE

The most timid man will take any chance of escape. The slender rope dropped down the precipice, the slippery log over the abyss, anything that offers a chance of life, is eagerly snatched at. The end the man seeks is safety. He cares nothing for the means to that end.

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truly walking in the footsteps of Jesus, because she was willing to die even in order that her father might be saved from sin. If we do not need to die for others, we should at least try to be like Jesus in living for them and in doing all that we can to be Christians.—Ex.



"Why, Willie," said his teacher, "what makes your hair so red?" "Ah, I just had scarlet fever and it settled in my head."