

HOW TO SWEETEN LIFE.

Open all the doors to the religion of Christ. It will make this world a paradise. It will sweeten the every-day trials of life, the little perplexities and annoyances, little sorrows and trials, little disappointments and mistakes. Nature ever helps the tiny objects. A small flower blossoms at my feet. The clouds gather swiftly in the sky to water; infinite chemistry works at its roots to nourish it; the mighty power of gravitation and other equally unconquerable forces hold it and guard it; the sun rises and shines to paint beauty upon its cheek; the winds are marshalled to fan it; everything is made to contribute to the comfort of this tiny flower. The religion of Christ is suited to tired men and women and children. It is suited to the office, the cradle, the sewing-machine, the headache, the heartache, the nursery, the school-room, the lonely attic, the evening ramble. It should sweeten all the moments, thoughts, and feelings, the voice, the conversation, the toils and afflictions of life, the temper, and the heart; and all may have and enjoy it.—*Ram's Horn.*

TRUE SUCCESS AND ITS CONDITIONS.

When the advantages of a religious life are urged there comes to the eyes of the average boy or girl a vision of the successful man of the world. If you speak of business, there is a Mr. A—, who is making money so rapidly that he hardly knows what to do with it. If you mention politics, there is Mr. B—, the leader of his party. If reference is made to society, Mr. and Mrs. C— are cited as the king and queen of fashion. All these are notoriously indifferent to religion. Perhaps they ridicule it. At best, they cannot be regarded as exponents of the religious life. And yet they are successful.

There is nothing which young people need more than to be taught the nature of success. There is a generally accepted philosophy, which seems to be born in us, that success consists in the possession of material things, the favor of those about us, and a conspicuous place in the eye of the world. If Christianity is true, this view is false. Christianity says that worldly prosperity is only incidental. One may have business of political or social advantages and be successful, or he may be successful without them. In the majority of cases, indeed, they are a temptation to sacrifice things of infinitely more value, so that he who has them not stands better chance of success than otherwise. It was for this reason that Christ said: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

What should be taught persistently and plainly is that true success has to do only with individual character. Things are of value only for their influence on character. Position and place are important only for the opportunities they give for the expression of that character. The whole world, indeed, must be interpreted from this standpoint — the individual character. It is usually the other way. Character is judged by its surroundings.

If one can be led to accept without question the proposition that character is the essential thing, it will not be difficult to have him see that Christianity gives the best definition of a true character. It seems almost self-evident now that Christianity has illustrated the true life, that practice, self-sacrifice, are works of the only character worth having. If these things are

so, the most simple and inexperienced must see that religion is the one thing needful. Reliance on God, surrender to him, and trust in him, cannot but prepare the ground for the growth of these virtues.

After that it matters very little what are the outward circumstances of one's life. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Poverty and sickness and all the other ills, as we are taught to regard them, serve to develop patience and humility and courage and self-control and self-sacrifice. On the other hand, the good things of this life, if they come, will develop benevolence and gratitude and many other virtues. If we turn away from character-building to something else, then every blessing will sooner or later become a curse. This is what every boy and girl should learn. It should be taught line upon line, and so emphasized by a corresponding life that it cannot be forgotten.—*Epworth Herald.*

HER WORK.

A mother once said to a popular teacher, who had been adored by her pupils for a score of years: "What a wide and beneficent influence you have exerted, while I have been cooped up at home, managing servants, dosing the mumps and the measles, and patching and darning! How narrow my life looks beside yours!"

"Narrow!" cried her friend. "Think how you have sent forth into the world every morning your husband and your flock of boys and girls, full of health and cheer! What a model home you have created for all your friends to see! It is I who have lived a narrow life rather than you. What is the slight touch which I may have given to a thousand or more lives compared with the deep, determining influence which you have wielded over the half-dozen in your home?"

"Is it possible that you think so?" exclaimed the tired mother incredulously.

"I know so. I have watched your children in school. They radiate everywhere an atmosphere of love and light, and it was you who gave it to them."—*Herald and Presbyterian.*

THE TERRACE OF INDECISION.

A little west of Mt. Zion, near the Jaffa gate of Jerusalem, is a small terrace, on the top of a watershed, so level that the rain as it falls upon it seems at a loss which way to go. But part of it is carried by a faint breath of wind over to the west side, and descends into the Valley of Roses, and down to the beautiful plain of Sharon.

Fertility and beauty and fruits spring up, and, finally, it is exhaled to heaven from the fragrant cups of the lilies and roses of Sharon. But a large part of it finds its way to the other side of the terrace, and descends through the dark valley of Tophet to the Dead Sea, where it brings forth the apples of Sodom, and is lost forever in the bitter waters of the Sea of Death. This terrace is the Terrace of Indecision.

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If these people undertake anything, they never quite finish it; they never quite complete their course at school; they never quite learn a trade or profession. They always manage to stop just short of success. As a consequence, they never do anything well, and, therefore, themselves are comparative failures.—*Exchange.*

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