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If we bravely resolve to do our part,
And bear our griefs with a patient heart,
And free from all repining,
We shall be led to a higher way,
To a better work than we do today,
And find love's sunlight shining;
For truth of spirit and strength of soul
Will make the darkest cloud unroll,
And show its silver lining.
—Helen Keith.

If on the daily task the mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless price
Will God provide for sacrifice.
—John Keble.

If the world seems cold to you
Kindle fires to warm it,
Let their comfort hide from view
Winters that deform it.
Hearts as frozen as your own
To that radiance gather;
You will soon forget to moan,
"Ah, the cheerless weather."
—Lucy Larcom.

OUR TOPIC TALK.

June 21.— How we may learn to use our sword.— Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12, 13; 2 Tim. 2:15.

Paul used various figures to emphasize the strenuous side of the Christian life, but he never forgot that the equipment provided by God was sufficient to meet all needs (Phil. 4:13). The Christian has three great sources of strength — direct intercourse with God through the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and fellowship with other Christians. Our topic asks us to reflect upon how we may learn to use the Bible.

I. We should appreciate its power to reveal faults, stimulate conscience, and awaken spiritual activity (Heb. 4:12,13).

II. To handle it aright one must know it both literally and experimentally. One should know what instruction it contains for the enquirer, and should be able to testify to the power of the truth in his own life.

III. We may use it defensively as a safeguard against temptations, discouragements and indifference; or aggressively in personal work.

IV. Finally, being a spiritual power, it can be set forth in life. It can be published by word and by deed. For example, one is not confined to the narrow limits of merely telling others that the Bible says, God is light and love; but the truth may be made evident by a life through which the light and love of God shines. S. J. C.

SCRAPS.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire — conscience.—*George Washington.*

The Flower Mission department of our work brings bright, young, hopeful faces into sick rooms, with an inspiration and cheering uplift often acknowledged by sufferers in their after life. The greatest power on earth is love, and unless we have the mind of Christ we come short of the object for which we were created. He who feels contempt for any living being has faculties which he has never developed. A look may heal or break a fainting heart. —*Union Signal.*

Oh, how many hearts are breaking,
Oh, how many hearts are aching
For a loving touch and token,
For the word you might have spoken.
Say not in the time of sorrow,
"I will soothe their grief tomorrow."
Prove your friendship, lest they doubt it.
Go at once, be quick about it.
Josephine Pollard.

The smallest things become great when God requires them of us. They are small only in themselves. They are always great when they are done for God, and when they serve to unite us with him eternally.—*Fenelon.*

The Indo-American Woman's Restoration League of Chicago, will petition the King and Parliament of England to protect by special law the girls of India under sixteen years of age from the horrors of child marriage.—*Union Signal.*

NOTE.—It would be well if all Christian organizations would unite in the prayer that this petition may avail something in the great work attempted. Let us do our part. COM.

How to Conduct a Meeting With Its Preparation.

To lay down definite rules and then expect everyone to follow them would be disastrous to both leaders and society. David must do the work in his own armor. Place, condition, number, talents, subject, must all be taken into account. Notwithstanding all this there are a few fundamental rules or principles that must be taken account of to carry on the work successfully. Preparation is the most important. Let us see what the leader should do. First of all he must know that the work is the Lord's and not his. He should know a week or more before he is to lead so that he shall not go before the society unprepared. The first and most essential thing in the preparation is to go before God in prayer, and lay the whole case before him,— subject, himself, and all—asking for light, strength and direction in preparation and leading that meeting. Now the leader is ready to open the Bible. Let him read slowly the whole Scripture, asking to whom did he write, what does he mean, and why did he thus write. After this you are ready for the outlines, helps, etc., in the paper. Study them—some you can use, others you cannot. Then with pencil and paper jot down thoughts, suggestions and questions. Arrange them as logically as possible, and in shape so you can use them as you think best. With your Bible and hymn book, and your mind and heart full of the subject, go before the society. Commence promptly on time. Be yourself. Let it be known that you are there for business, and that your Father's. Have your hymns selected before, announce them yourself, and close when you are through.—*J. H. Wolfe.*

ARE YOU AN ENOCHITE?

Some time ago I read in one of our religious weeklies of a new sect sprung up in one of the Russian provinces, calling themselves Enochites. The novelty of such a name to describe the character of a godly life impressed me greatly, and started a train of thought in my mind.

To every student of the Bible it is very clear that many of the Old Testament saints who were remarkable for their faith, holy zeal, power in prayer, as well as their prophetic utterances, leave behind many dark scars in their lives that only the grace of God and the atoning blood can entirely obliterate.

There are, however, other men of standard qualities mentioned in the old Book, but they are not called Joshuaites, nor Jobites, not Josiahites, nor Danielites, nor Johannanaites, nor even Paulites, yet they are all men of God, against whom nothing can be said.

After reading of this new sect, I asked myself the question, "Am I an Enochite? and, Do I walk with God so as to impress my fellow mortals? and, Is walking with God as much a possibility today as it was 3000 B. C., or even in the days of Paul? that burning missionary apostle to the Gentiles who said, 'Follow me even as I follow Christ?'"

The saintly lives of multitudes of God's people, in all ages of the world, will never be known this side of eternity. That thousands and tens of thousands of men and women walked with God during the long years of trial and persecution of the Reformation period, we have no doubt whatever. They were indeed true Enochites.

Among the mighty ones of those days mention might be made of Wycliff, the morning star of the Reformation, whose exemplary character was partly hidden in the dark chambers of the cloister, yet he remained a true Enochite. John Knox belonged to this class of holy workers. He was a distinguished Enochite, mighty in wrestling in prayer with God, and ever anxious for the salvation of his people and the deliverance of his country from Papal errors. Often he cried in his agonizing prayers, "Give me Scotland or I die," showing that his life was a godly one, and that he was a true Enochite. Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and many others, were Enochites, as their characters prove beyond a doubt.

Coming down to more recent times, we have other distinguished men who walked with God, such as John Wesley. His was, indeed, a wonderful career of true saintliness, and not only that but also as an evangelist, mighty in the Scriptures, and the use of a consecrated pen. In his diary of George Whitefield, another burning evangelist of the same period, we find that mention is made by him in his diary that on a certain occasion, he prayed God to make him an extraordinary Christian. Doubtless he was sick and tired of the vast number of formal ones whom he met in his travels from place to place, preaching the Gospel of the blessed Christ, over the British Isles and the American continent. "Make me an extraordinary Christian," was his prayer. He wanted to walk with God. In the language of the apostle to the Philippines, his prayer was that Christ might be magnified in him by life or by death, and not only did he display seraphic earnestness for

BLIND-FOLD.

Blindfold a woman and she loses all confidence in herself. Her step is slow, hesitating and uncertain. Her hands are raised to ward the imaginary blows which threaten her. When a sick woman seeks the means of health she is often like a woman blindfold. She has no confidence. She cannot tell what her effort will lead to. She turns now to this side and then to the other in uncertainty and doubt.

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