THE BROKEN VASE

One day a distinguished nobleman called on Josiah Wedgewood and asked to see his factory. Mr. Wedgewood and one of his employees, a boy of about fifteen years, accompanied the nobleman through the factory, showing him the process of making pottery.

The nobleman was a man of somewhat reckless life. Before long it appeared that he was an atheist. His conversation was witty and entertaining, but his humour was accompanied by profanity and jests about sacred Bible names and subjects.

At first the young fellow was a bit shocked at the nobleman's irreverence, but soon he became fascinated by his jokes and laughed heartily at them.

After they had gone through the factory, Mr. Wedgewood dismissed the boy, and selecting a beautiful vase of unique design, he told his guest how much time and care were required to make it. The nobleman was charmed with its unique pattern, its rare coloring, its picturesque appearance, and reached out his hand to take it. Just then Mr. Wedgewood let it fall to the floor and it broke into a hundred pieces.

The noble (?) man uttered an angry oath, saying, "I wanted that vase for my collection! No art can restore what you have ruined by your carelessness!"

"My friend," replied Mr. Wedgewood, "there are other things more precious than this vase, which never can be restored. You can never give back to that boy who has just left us, the reverence for sacred things which has been his. For years his parents have tried to teach him this, and you have undone and destroyed their labor in less than half an hour."—Evangelical Visitor.

REASON FOR ALARM

Thomas Guthrie used to say: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ, or any indulgence better than the hope of heaven—take alarm."—Alliance Weekly.

RULES FOR TODAY

C. W. Buel

If you have a friend you love— Tell him so.

If you have a warmth within you, Let it glow.

If you appreciate your family— Let them know.

Have you a spirit of good will? Let it show.

Have you an urge to doing good? Let it grow.

If you have a double portion,
Then bestow.

If you feel a bit impatient, Take it slow.

If someone has done you wrong, Let it go.

HEAD OF MILLSTREAM

Dear Highway Young People:

Although our Young People's has been organized for two years we've only sent in one report of our society.

The attendance is down somewhat now to what it was when we started, but the faithful ones are regular in attending. Our society has been evergreen until this past winter, and then had to be closed for a few months. However, we have started again with our new officers for the coming year, and are looking forward to God's blessing in our midst.

All of our Christian Young People are faithful in taking their part of the program, and through the Bible talks, quizes, contests and flannelgraph we have learned much more of our Bible.

We trust that in the coming year we will grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and be more useful in His service.

Mrs. Gordon Hayes, Corr. Sec.

A LIGHTHOUSE LESSON

A friend told us that he was visiting a light-house lately, and he said to the keeper: "Are you not afraid to live here? It is a dreadful place to be in constantly."

"No," replied the man, "I am not afraid! We never think of ourselves here."

"Never think of yourselves! How is that?"
The reply was a good one: "We know that we are perfectly safe, and only think of having our lamps brightly burning, and keeping the reflectors clear, so that those in danger may be saved."

This is what Christians ought to do. They are safe in a house built on a rock which cannot be moved by the wildest storm; and, in a spirit of holy unselfishness, they should let their light gleam across the dark waters of sin, that they who are imperiled may be guided into the harbors of eternal safety.—The Quiver.

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MY EXPERIENCE IN PSALMS 139

By Russell Ellyson
Thou hast searched me and known me,
And doth understand what appeared to
Thee.

Thou knowest my downsittings I agree,
And my uprisings Thine eyes can see.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down,
Art acquainted with that which I have done.
There is nothing, O Lord, since the world
began

But what altogether to Thee is known.

Thou besettest me behind and before,

Doth lay Thine hand on me evermore.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and high;

I cannot attain to it, tho' I try.

Whither from Thy presence can I go?
From Thy presence I cannot flee, I know.
If up into heaven I should ascend,
Still Thou art there unto the end.

If I make my bed in the depths of hell,

I find that Thou art there as well;

If on the wings of the morning I should flee,

Or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.

'Tis there Thine arms will my heart enfold,
And Thy right hand mine still uphold.

If in me there is any wicked way—

Lead me in righteous paths, I pray.

THE IDLE MIND

The Bible speaks about the danger of "idle words." Usually we define these as talk which is used to fill in time, the idle chatter which goes on when there is really nothing to say, words which are used merely to make conversation. Of course, all of us would recognize that a certain amount of this is necessary, such as passing the time of day with a neighbor or the casual conversation when one is left with time on his hands in the presence of a stranger.

But the Bible meaning of the term is deeper than this. No doubt it is directed to those who could be making valuable use of conversation but who instead choose to "yakity-yak." It becomes talk which is about people instead of about things. It centers in clothes and cars, the conduct of others and the latest achievements of ourselves. It is that talk which follows the psychological sequence of thought, from one thing to another, and which is prefaced with some such statement, "Oh, that reminds me . . . " or "Oh, say, have you heard . . .?" It is talk which is unrelated to the bringing of two persons together and which is usually uncontrolled. It is identified with gossip or leads directly to gossip.

And such talk arises because this is all that fills the minds of the persons who engage in it. Idle talk is the evidence of an idle mind; and such a mind is unbecoming to a Christian. Surely a person who has the sense of values which the Christian has, who sees the worth of truth and of other personalities as he does, could cultivate a mind which is occupied with thoughts higher and nobler than those which give birth to idle talk.—Herald of Holiness.