

Choice Selections.

[FROM OUR EXCHANGES.]

The Higher Life.

These three words are not meaningless. They are suggestive and should awaken serious thought. The higher life is a real experience within the reach of every child of God. It is not a realm where the favored few may dwell and enjoy the magnificent scenery that stretches out in every direction, but a land of which all may become inhabitants. We do not speak of it in contrast with a lower religious life, for such comparisons are not always best. No religious life is low. The grace of God in the human soul is uplifting. We speak of it as a high plane of thought, feeling, desire and realization. We speak of it as a condition in which the child of God abides, where doubt is superseded by faith, where trouble gives way to peace, where impatience is overcome by sweet submission to all the trials of life. We speak of it as a place where the soul finds sweet rest. It is a mental, moral and spiritual condition where the word of God, and the means of grace, and the varied exercises of daily Christian living are luxuries.

What a blessed privilege to walk amid precious influences that sweep us on all sides, as we come in contact with Him who has said, "My peace I give unto you;" to dwell on the high table-lands of experience, to revel amid the sublime realities of holy living, to see God and hear God in all nature, to live where the ardor of the soul is unchanged by day and by night.

The desire for the very best religious experience should be universal among Christians. Lift me higher, should be the prayer on every lip. The command of our divine Lord is, "Set your affections on things above."

Earth's treasures are poor compared to what we may possess by devotion to God and the performance of duty. The higher life is not a visionary life; it is real and earnest. It is not a condition where inactivity is the ruling passion. On the other hand, it is one of intense earnestness and ever increasing zeal. No Christian should be satisfied without attaining unto the very highest state of grace. Inspired by the teaching of the Word, and enthused by the testimony of many, we should press our way onward and upward, toward the mark of our calling as the followers of Jesus. Those beautiful words we so often sing, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," should be our constant prayer. Cultivate lofty thoughts, cherish holy ambitions, crave the best spiritual gifts. See how much of the power of the Holy Spirit you can secure.

If your past Christian life has been unsatisfactory the fault is your own. Infinite spiritual resources are close at hand. Touch these by consecration and faith. Be not satisfied until you have found a fuller realization of the peace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Baltimore Methodist.

Pass It On.

Once, when I was a school boy, going home for the holidays, I had a long way to go to reach the little town in which I dwelt. I arrived in Bristol and got on board the steamer with just enough money to pay my fare, and, that being settled, I thought, in my innocence, I had paid for everything in the way of meals. I had what I wanted as long as we were in smooth water. Then came the rough Atlantic, and the need of nothing more. I had been lying in my berth for hours, wretchedly ill and past caring for anything, when there came the steward and stood beside me.

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SCRIPTURE SENTENCES ON EVERY CARD.

Sent per pack post paid on receipt of price. No order should be less than 10 cents; if it is less add two cents extra for postage.

No. 15. Marine scenery surrounded by wreaths of embossed and delicately colored flowers and an embossed border; 3½x5. Ten in a set, 10 cents.

No. 23. A mirror stream of water, a house, trees, mountain enclosed by blue tinted, embossed bracket border and delicately colored flowers; on opposite page the Ten Commandments, 4½x6. Per pack of ten 20 cents.

No. 45. Catchword Series. Size 4x6 inches, gilt oval contour encircling leaves and flowers. These surround the catchword, which appears in beautiful and impressive lettering on a sky background. The Lord's Prayer upon the opposite side. Per pack of ten, 15 cents.

No. 99. "Reward of Merit" card 3½x6½ inches, panel work, and interlined gilt border partially hidden by bold scroll work, slate tinted background, over which gracefully hangs blue and variegated morning glories. On opposite page Ten Commandments. Per pack of ten, 15 cents.

No. 103. Four designs of the little maid of the summer whose delight is in gathering and arranging flowers. Something very tasty and will always please the little ones. Artistic colors, with border, size 2½x3½ inches, per pack of 10 cards, 5 cents.

No. 104. A beautiful, diagonal gold sketch border separated from the elegant winter scene by a cable border. A scripture sentence upon each card. Size 2½x3½ inches. Ten in a pack; 5 cents.

No. 106. From the center to the right upper corner rests a bouquet of bright roses. In the left lower corner is printed the scripture verse. A tinted and scroll work border. Size and price same as 104.

No. 112. A dainty little marine card 2½x3½ with a blue tinted shell border, four designs, art colorings, scripture verses, 10 in a pack, 6 cents.

No. 151. These are attractive and very acceptable as Scripture remembrances. Size 2x6½. Graceful lines of new style, gold embossed borders, embellish each card. The center is occupied by a clear-type text on each side of which lies a landscape or marine scene and bouquets of flowers. Ten in a pack, 10 cents.

No. 337. A double picture, may be cut apart. Marine and summer scenery with children playing school, and with hoops. Will please the children; 3½x4½. Per pack of fifteen, 10 cents.

No. 364. "Reward of Merit" card 6x8½ inches, two designs, blue tint border, with a large bouquet of roses for a center. Something that will be treasured. 10 cards in a pack, 40 cents.

No. 426. Gold. The only gold colored card we have. Embellished with designs of birds and flowers. Size 3½x6. Price, 10 cents per pack of ten.

No. 497. Something very dainty and pretty. If you want a cheap card and one that will please the little folks, these are the ones you want. Size 3x5, lithographed in many colors are land and water scenes with a scripture verse at the bottom. Four designs, 25 in a pack, and only 10 cents.

No. 1012. Within bold scroll work of tints and wreaths of flowers, lies a country scene of residence, people, stream trees; 4x5½. Ten in a pack, 10 cents.

No. 1015. A marine scene embroidered by bright roses. An attractive card, 3½x5. Ten in a pack, 8 cents.

Sample Pack A. How can one choose from the foregoing? You won't miss it, order which you will. But if you wish a sample card of each number of the above, order this Sample Pack A, price 23cts. Superintendents and teachers would do well to order this, that teachers could select for their special classes.

TICKETS.

No. 323. In packets containing 50 tickets in cards, easily separated, and each has a passage of scripture neatly printed 4 cents per packet.

No. 351. These are unusually pretty, the adornments of bright flowers border the diamond enclosures of miniature landscapes. Eighty in a pack, 15 cents.

No. 388. These are of a great variety of neat floral decorations with very suggestive scripture selections. Many will choose these beyond any others in the list. Eighty in a pack, 10 cents per pack.

No. 493. Scripture Alphabet Tickets. Scripture texts in lettering of various colors with large illuminated capital letters adorned with flowers. Children delight themselves by spelling out numerous names with the large capitals. Bound to please both the youthful and older ones. Eighty tickets in pack, 10 cents.

Do teachers remember that when children, they were offered a large card for four small tickets? The tickets were obtained for attendance or recitation of verses or obtaining new scholars. A little ingenuity put in practice may be wonderfully helpful in the use of tickets and cards.

Send all orders to the Agent,
W. H. CLAY, = = = = HUNTINGTON, IND.

"Your bill, sir," said he, holding out a piece of paper.

"I have no money," said I in my wretchedness.

"Then I shall keep your baggage. What is your name and address?" I told him. Instantly he took off the cap he wore, with the gilt band about it, and held out his hand. "I should like to shake hands with you," he said.

I gave him my hand and shook his as well as I could. Then came the explanation—how some years before some little kindness had been shown his mother by my father in the sorrow of her widowhood.

"I never thought the chance would come for me to repay it," said he pleasantly, "but I am glad it has."

"So am I," said I.

As soon as I got ashore I told my father what had happened.

"Ah," said he, "see how a bit of kindness lives! Now he has passed it on to you. Remember, if you meet anybody that needs a friendly hand, you must pass it on to him."

Years had gone by, I had grown up and quite forgotten it all, until one day I had gone to the station of one of our main lines. I was just going to take my ticket, when I saw a little boy crying; a thorough gentleman he was, trying to keep back the troublesome tears as he pleaded with the booking clerk.

"What is the matter, my boy?" I asked.

"If you please, sir, I haven't money enough to pay my fare. I have all but a few pence, and I tell the clerk if he will trust me I will be sure to pay him."

Instantly it flashed upon me, the forgotten story of long ago. Here, then, was my chance to pass it on. I gave him the sum needed, and then got into the carriage with him. Then I

told the little fellow the story of long ago and of the steward's kindness to me. "Now, today," I said, "I pass it on to you, and remember, if you meet with any one who needs a kindly hand, you must pass it on to them."

"I will, sir; I will," cried the lad as he shook my hand, his eyes flashing with earnestness.

"I am sure you will," I answered.

I reached my destination, and left my little friend. The last sign I had of him was the handkerchief fluttering from the window of the carriage, as if to say, "It is all right, sir; I will pass it on."—Home and School Visitor.

Fourteen Mistakes in Life.

The fourteen mistakes are: to set up your own standard of right and wrong, and judge people according; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mould all dispositions alike; to look for perfection in our own actions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied; not to yield in immaterial matters; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand everything. And the last and greatest mistake of all is to live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity. —Epworth Herald.

Howard, the great philanthropist, kept his own rule: "That our superfluities should give way to other men's conveniences; that our conveniences give way to other men's necessities; and that even our necessities sometimes give way to other men's extremities."