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Contagious Blood Poison has brought more suffering, misery and humiliation into the world than all other diseases combined; there is hardly any limit to its powers for evil. It is the blackest and vilest of all disorders, wrecking the lives of those unfortunate enough to contract it and often being transmitted to innocent offspring, a blighting legacy of suffering and shame. So highly contagious is the trouble that innocent persons may contract it by using the same table ware, toilet articles or clothing of one in whose blood the treacherous virus has taken root. Not only is it a powerful poison but a very deceptive one. Only those who have learned by bitter experience know by the little pore or ulcer, which usually makes its appearance first, of the suffering which is to follow. It comes in the form of ulcerated mouth and throat, unsightly copper colored spots, swollen glands in the groin, falling hair, offensive sores and ulcers on the body, and in severe cases the finger nails drop off, the bones become diseased, the nervous system is shattered and the sufferer becomes an object of pity to his fellow man. Especially is the treacherous nature of Contagious Blood Poison, shown when the infected person endeavors to combat the poison with mercury and potash. These minerals will drive away all outward symptoms of the troubles for a while, and the victim is deceived into the belief that he is cured. When, however, the treatment is left off he finds that the poison has only been driven deeper into the blood and the disease reappears, and usually in worse form because these strong minerals have not only failed to remove the virus from the blood but have weakened the entire system because of their destructive action. S. S. S. is the only real and certain cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It is made of a combination of healing blood-purifying roots, herbs and barks, the best in Nature's great laboratory of forest and field. We offer a reward of \$1,000 for proof that S. S. S. contains a particle of mineral in any form. S. S. S. goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and by cleansing the blood of every particle of the virus and adding rich, healthful qualities to this vital fluid, forever cures this powerful disorder. So thoroughly does S. S. S. cleanse the circulation that no signs of the disease are ever seen again, and offspring is protected.

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### LAX CHRISTIANS.

By Rev. J. O. Davis.

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.—Ephesians iv. 1.

The greatest hindrance to the spread of the Christian religion is not the attacks of its open enemies, but the lax and often vicious lives of its professed adherents. The Christian religion is a call to life, not to the mere intellectual acceptance of a system of philosophy, however beautiful and inspiring its teachings may be. The faith of the Christian in Jesus Christ must be shown by his living in a Christian manner.

In the very early days of his ministry our blessed Lord laid down certain fundamental principles which were to govern the lives of His disciples. They are to live in the world, yet not to be of the world; earthly-mindedness is to be far from them; they are to seek first the kingdom of heaven and his righteousness. Their religion is to permeate the whole life, not to be put on for certain days and seasons and then laid aside. It should make itself felt in the house, the workshop, the office, the factory, the school. Every relation of life must feel its sanctifying touch. They are to be "the light of the world"—by their example to guide men's feet aright. They are to be "the salt of the earth," whose function is to purify and sweeten society.

When those without see many who profess and call themselves Christians living in apparent disregard of their vocation, is it wonderful that they turn away?

Surely never more than to-day have men needed the exhortation of the apostle, "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

In another place St. Paul expresses in a word the whole meaning of the Christian vocation; they are "called to be saints"—that is, they are devoted to God.

This calling is not received for the cooperatively few who in every age of the church stand out conspicuously, towering above their fellows like lofty mountain peaks; it is for every Christian, however humble and simple he may be. Only here and there one attains to the height reached by those rare souls to whom the church delights to give the title "saint," but all are obligated to make the effort to do so. The example after which they patterned their lives is the pattern for all. He who gave them strength to gain the height stands ready to strengthen all who will receive and use the grace He offers.

If we would walk worthy of our vocation we will not wait for opportunity to do some great thing, but we will endeavor to do our duty each day as it comes to us. Those homely, everyday duties that so often seem irksome may be glorified if they are looked upon, as in reality they are, as stepping stones to heaven. We will patiently accept the trials that beset us. We will endeavor steadfastly to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. We will seek to live always as in the sight of the Lord and do all things for his glory.

### YESTERDAY AND TO-MORROW.

By Rev. Henry F. Cope.

"Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before."—Phil. iii. 13.

The regret is vain that looks not to reconstruction. The best expression of sorrow for yesterday's wrongdoing is service for to-day's right. It is a good thing to look back, but only that we may push forward. There is no consolation for the individual, no betterment for society, in the gospel that goes not beyond repentance.

There are many who are eating out their own hearts with bitter repentings of past follies. The cheer is driven from every day by the memory of old wrongdoing; they fairly are haunted by a fearsome past. Perhaps, as a plain matter of fact, their sins are not as gross as they seem; imagination has magnified them. But dwelling on them, poring over them, they have paralyzed their own possibilities of present improvement.

It is true that no man can undo his past. It is true, as many know in bitterness and pain of spirit, that conscience and memory constantly pierce the hearts with the thorns that have grown from past sowing. But is there folly greater than that of the man or woman who permits regret for failing to prevent any attempt at rising again? Every day is a new day. Every life

may make new beginnings. All else is lost when hope is lost; the light fades from the eyes and the soul seems to perish within the man when he ceases to believe that he can make yet one more beginning. Heaven rejoices when we weep over our own wandering, but greater far is the joy when we arise and set our faces toward home again.

In the race of life many things may bring a man down, but he alone is responsible for it if he is both down and out. We, the competitors, may be ever ready to cry "Failure," but somehow we know that eternal justice will pronounce no verdict till the course be done, and eternal love ever is yearning to see each fallen one again upon his feet and pressing forward in the race.

In the school of life we may learn to forget the difficulties of the tasks once set before us, and even the disgrace when we failed at them in the joy of the strength that all the struggle of meeting and mastering these tasks has given. How foolish would he be who should refuse to tackle the larger problems of life because the little old slate on which he worked his sums in school is blurred with tear marks.

And so with our sorrows. Too many are living in the shadow of clouds long passed. Carrying in their hearts the gloom of days gone by, they rob to-day of its courage and to-morrow of its glad confidence. Their backs are soon broken who do not know how to drop some burdens.

There is a great difference between the fragrant memory of days that in their passing seemed most bitter, between those mist through which loved faces smile out of death's shadows and the carefully preserved palls and trappings of our woe.

So, too, do we lambaste our present with the cherishing of slights and injustices, malice and enmity, thought or done to us in days past. Memory and history easily become a chamber of horrors, a pit where dwell only foul and noxious things, and to-day's pleasure and to-morrow's promise alike are lost in contemplation of yesterday's pain.

God is ahead as well as behind. The universe is not heartless, a pitiless machine where past faults forever preclude the possibility of future perfection. The ever upspringing hope in the human breast is but the echo of the infinite, wooing us to new endeavors, calling men to arise and go to their Father.

They go forward who look forward. The best lives are the lives that seek ever the best. We owe it not only to ourselves that we lie not prone in the dust; we owe it to all others to begin again. What right have we to block the way of those who would press on, with our prostrate forms, or to cool their ardor with our groaning regrets?

The past has its lessons; but they only are learning them who are pushing forward. Failures must be as finger posts to future successes. Regretting the past, set it right as far as you may, then redeem yesterday by right doing to-day and right determination for to-morrow, and you shall find every force of good facing with you and strengthening heart and hand for better things.

### Short Meter Sermons.

Our lives are the lips of the Most High. Only a coward will hide behind his conscience.

Your superiority does not depend on your pedestal. Self is the only thing that really can break love ties.

Religion is the touch of the infinite on all our affairs. An honest message never has trouble finding hearers.

It takes more than soft solder to cement souls together. It takes more than headache cures to set the heart right.

The only worthy high living is that which puts the soul on top.

A cross disposition is no evidence of bearing the divine cross. No great deeds are done without the doing of many little details.

No man increases his own good reputation by stealing another's. When a man boasts of his courage he is giving it absent treatment.

Preach the pleasures of piety and people willingly will bear its pains. Society has its temptations, but they are as nothing to those of solitude.

The heart that feeds on pride must have many an ache in its stomach. As conscience becomes atrophied the critical faculties often become active.

There's no advantage in making men weary with a sermon inviting them to rest. Many think they can overcome sin by shooting glittering generalities at the devil.

You might be a walking theological seminary and still be traveling on the wrong road. You will never persuade the world to accept your religion when you look as though it made you sick.

Identified. Senator Tillman tells a story on himself as to how he was identified by a post office money-order clerk when he first arrived at the Capital City. After being in the city a few days he dropped in at the post office to cash a money-order.

"Do you know any one here who could identify you?" asked the clerk.

"Well, no," the senator answered. "Is that necessary? I am Ben Tillman, of South Carolina."

The clerk smiled, then asked the senator if he didn't have some letters or papers that would make him known to the post office authorities.

The senator had put on a new suit that morning, and had neglected to transfer his letters, but he had his pocket book with him. Digging down in his wallet and proceeded to search for an article of identification, but could find nothing but a small photograph of himself.

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"That's all right, mamma," answered Bertha. "A burnt child dreads the fire."—Chicago Tribune.

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