

WANTED—MORE MOTHERS

WE are thinking of mothers; real mothers; old-fashioned mothers; womanly mothers; the kind that makes the home.

We are short on homes—real homes. We are short on mothers—real mothers. There are lots of "tots" growing up, and "kids" innumerable, but they are so different from real children, the kind that have the imprint of a mother's care, a mother's holy kiss, the touch of a mother's hand, the fragrance of a motherly Christian home.

God designed woman as the home maker, but somehow she seems to have been side-tracked. There are so many good women—well-meaning, even Christian women—who have been hearkening to a strange world call to a "new sphere," a "higher sphere," a "cultured sphere," a sphere of prominence, where the books of great writers can be discussed, and politics and social service and great national and civic interests considered; a sphere where the humdrum of the home and family can be forgotten for a while, and the mind and heart find opportunity for expansion in the affairs of state and nation!

The mother has a new vision. She can discuss great affairs with her husband. She can help to educate him—if he can ever find time for it; for he, too, is engrossed with his lodge and his club, and cannot give much time to the home. He must work hard to earn the necessary money with which to meet the monthly bills, which furrow his brow and put a weight upon his shoulders, and he must depend upon his wife to run the home, and she must depend upon the servants, and—oh, the children? Well, they must go to school and look after themselves the best they can, for this is the twentieth century; and the new age has an influence upon the home not always conducive to harmony. The husband and wife are broadening out in opposite directions, and their attitude in the home toward each other fills the children with wonder; and somehow, the word "home" has lost its former meaning, and the reason is clear: The home is without the mother!

Is some serious mistake growing and deepening in the heart life of women? Is the aspiration of the woman taking the place of the God-given aspiration of the mother? Can the real kind of men and women be developed in homes where the wife has wrong conceptions of motherhood, and of the holy joy of molding and fashioning the heart life of boys and girls? Would it not be well to dig into the history of some of the men of renown and find what part their mothers played in their making, and thus obtain a real estimate of the difference between a mere club woman and a big-hearted, clear-visioned home builder, from which would come children "to the manor born"? And it might not be out of place to pray about it.

MAN'S MEASURE.

Every boy wishes to be a man, but the measure of a man is not that of age, nor position. That which makes a man is quality of spirit; it is courage, honor, integrity of character, and the resolute purpose to know what is true, and to do what is right. The central quality of manliness around which all others must be built up is that of a sense of honor.

Which do you broadcast, joy or gloom?

THE CHURCH EFFICIENT.

There is no denying the fact that all churches could be more efficient. It is difficult to predict all that could be accomplished by a church that was really efficient for there seems to be no record of one that has even approached the limits of efficiency. We hear considerable talk about efficiency and some have attempted to define it, but after all there can be no efficiency without work; in fact, it means work correctly done if it means anything.

This church is dedicated primarily to the task of recruiting souls for Christ's Kingdom. Many souls will remain untouched and will be lost if the church fails to reach them. Not the preacher alone, but all the members of this church are responsible in a measure for what we do in this work of soul winning. There are many men and women and young people who have some point of contact with the church and who could be won. The work of winning these folk must be done by the rank and file of our church members and our church will increase in efficiency as we become more proficient in this great task. You can help to make your church 100 per cent efficient by participating in this and other work of the church.

HE CARETH FOR YOU.

How often we feel that our lives are so obscure and our strength so feeble that the great, loving Father cannot be expected to bestow upon us the gracious attention which others who occupy more prominent and important places must receive. But why should we ever so feel in regard to his attitude toward any of his creatures or children? Here is a little daisy growing in an obscure place by the roadside. We begin to pity it because of its secluded and forsaken situation. But the sun looks down from above and whispers its word of reminder: "Why grieve over the condition of the little daisy? Am I not pouring out the fulness of my rays that it may be quickened into richer and fuller life?" The clouds above send forth their reproof: "Are we not ready to pour forth our refreshing showers, that the little daisy may lift up its head and rejoice?" Earth from beneath takes up the same refrain: "And am not I supplying the riches of my soil that I may nourish and invigorate its roots and help to sustain its life?" However detached our lives may seem to be, a gracious God is continually ministering to their needs out of his exhaustless fulness.

TO HATE A MAN

Is to put yourself beneath him.
Is usually to confess that you do not know him.
Is always easier than trying to understand him.
Is the beginning of suicide of the soul.
Requires less mentality than to adjust your differences.
Is to begin the wrecking of your own happiness.
Is to be as guilty as he is.

The only way to keep some things is to give them away. Man does not live unto himself alone.

Stewardship is not primarily to heighten the giving, but to deepen the living.