

ARISE-SHINE-SO SHINE.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

The imperatives in these words just quoted from sacred scripture are Arise, shine, so shine.

Be ever conscious of the source of your light. It is not within yourself, nor from any other human source.

Ancient astronomers made the mistake of thinking that the earth instead of the sun was the center of the solar system, hence their calculations and conclusions were wrong. The source of your light is from above. The glory of the Lord has risen upon thee... Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Remember also the strength of your light. The extreme height to which light is thrown today is amazing and hard to believe. However the strength of that light is infinitesimal as compared with the light of the true Christian.

In speaking of Jesus as the light of men, the apostle John says something like this: "The light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out." The apostle Paul said, "I can do all things in Him that ~~strengtheneth~~ strengtheneth me."

Remembering the source of your light, and the strength of your light, the conclusion is obvious. It is simply this: So shine. Your shining is for the most glorious purpose. Your light is given to you to be used and focussed to the glory of God. Sometimes at night a car driver forgets to turn on his light, and sometimes he lets his light so shine as to dazzle or blind the eyes of the approaching driver. Do not make such mistakes with the light that is yours. Maintain the spiritual glow of a radiant Christian, and the beauty of holiness, and so shine that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father who is in heaven.

May your dedication to the true Light be in the spirit of the blind George Matheson, who with his engagement to the girl he loved broken because of his blindness, still held on to the Love that did not let him go, and in his prayer of dedication said,

"O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be."

(The above was a brief charge to new officers of the Student Christian Association of Montreal, given several years ago. J.H.)