#### Swift Travellers.

Our dead-they travel fast ! Who ees them hurry past? Scarce is the farewell said. Than-where are they, our dead?

Out of our touch and reach, Out of our sight and speech

As swift as thought they go. Past weariness and woe

Yet, are they far away? We meet, at break of day.

Not far from love and prayer, But into higher care;

Far from earth's pain and st. ife Into abundant life:

To where their Lord appears. He bids all discords cease,

Far from the land of tears,

And takes them into p-ace. Our dead-they travel fast, And rest with God at last.

"Be Comforted."

MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

BY GEORGE R. SCOTT.

Paul showed that he was human when he wanted to "be comforted," and that he was good, when he expressed a desire to be a comfort to

To be a comfort to others is to be Christ-like; for what most people stand chiefly in need of is comfort.

I met a minister who was going into a house on the door of which were hung the emblems of mourning. He told me that he was going inside of that dwelling to do "some comforting." The man who has the gift to comfort the living as they stand in the presence of the dead is a great blessing to others, and has not missed his calling if he is a minister.

More than one out of ten of the people who pass you on the streets are looking for comfort. You can easily see-without close inspection- that they are worried. And it is well, perhaps, that you cannot read their be then made to carry a burden that you will find hard to bear.

It is easy to say to others, "Be comforted," but it is often hard to know how to comfort; especially when the one you desire to comfort has lost some one whom they loved. A mother, whose boy had been suddenly taken from her, came to me for comfort. I that I was inadequate to the task of doing for her what she so much needed. That mother's heart was all weeping. About all she seemed to comprehend was, that her boy had been snatched away from her by the monster Death.

We both stood motionless and speechless for several minutes. At last from my mouth came the simple words, "You will meet your boy again in Heaven." That was enough; for she immediately realized as never before that as her boy had been a good boy, and as she was striving her best to live a Christian life, the only thing that could happen would be a re-union in Heaven.

As a smile came over her face it could easily be seen that she was comforted.

A boy asked for a job in a grocery store on Saturday evenings in order to earn a few pennies for his mother. The grocer afterwards told me that the boy's proper name was John, but he called him "Comfort," because the boy was such a comfort to his father and mother. To be a comfort that boy had to work very hard; but he is now in the only City of Comfort, as a reward for what he was when on earth, I once heard John declare at a little prayer meeting that he had sought and found the Comforter.

for he had to undergo so many discomforts. It was Paul who could have do without them, even if he had to would guide him in his search for the

day I hope to do better than to merely ferred, and everything was fully exthank you through this page of Sabbath | plained. Reading.

If there is any honor I crave, more of his perplexity when a young man. than another, it is to become acquaint- His partner, who had been connected soliciting help for his church and mened with Paul in the "land that is with the firm for many years, was

comforted? If so, bathe in the sun- the young man, whose experience was light of God's blessed Son. Sinner, limited. He trembled when he thought gentlemen added to the money until do you want to feel young again? If of the disaster which might come to seventy-four dollars were contributed so, be born again; yes, be a babe in the business in the absence of his to buy him an excellent gold watch, Christ. Do you want wings to fly senior partner. When they separated which would last him all his life. away from the discomforts of life? If the young man went to a vacant room The watch was presented at a Sabso, have your heart filled with the joy in the building, locked the door, and bath school celebration, the day after that comes from being a simple child prayed ervently for divine guidance the church was dedicated, the paster trance to the harbor, and some ships

be ready when the call comes.

stay by the assurance that Jesus will tended to encourage his heart, to never leave you nor forsake you if you strengthen him for the burden. And be a comfort to others and to Him. who shall say that his success was not Comfort one another. How? Find a direct answer to prayer? out by doing good as you have the opportunity.

is still easier to do right, if we get into the habit of so doing.

To-day I feel so thankful to those who have been a comfort to me! And acquire some cheap happiness.—Sabbath Reading.

#### Praying in Everything

Some Christians seem to think that God is so great that nothing less than earthquakes, pestilences, wars, and famines can arrest His attention and awaken His interest. They do not pray for little things, nor do they believe that God hears prayer except in great emergencies But we are taught in the Bible that God is a Father, and we know that a father is interested in everything that gives his children trouble. When a child comes to the father sobbing as though its heart would break over a little thing which the father knows is a mere whim or fancy, he does not scorn the child's appeal and turn away from its tears. He takes his child in his arms and quiets the throbbing heart by pressing it close to his great, loving heart. He is interested in the case because the child is in trouble. And will not our heavenly Father hear us when we bring to Him our troubles, even though He may know that they are nothing?

Besides, we know not what is important. Perhaps nothing is unimthoughts; for if you could you might | portant. When Joseph left his father's tent one morning he was not aware that the journey would be unusually important. Had he known that he would never return, that he was setting out on a journey of such great significance in the history of the Hebrew nation and of the world, what strange feelings would have flooded his soul! A young man left his office one evenstood and looked at her, keenly feeling in perfect health. The next help to raise yourself?" said the morning he was dead. Had he known that he should never enter his office again, had he known when he went broken up; her eyes were red with home that it was the last time, had he known when he lay down to sleep at night that he would never leave the moment, every word, every thought about it?" would have appeared! Those things which seem unimportant to us at the and expensive work. The shaft is eternal interests turn. Nothing is was sunk at great cost to the prounimportant. Everything is worthy prietor.' of being made a subject of prayer; and Paul says, "In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to

The issue of things is greatly affectlittle to rely on for support, was condence. She went to her room, not to look for the receipt, but to pray, and while praying for divine direction a firefly came in at the open window and was pursued by one of the children to the spot where the missing receipt was found. Some will say this was a coin-Paul needed to be comforted often cidence. We cannot prove that it was a direct answer to prayer, nor can anyone prove that it was not. A book had almost anything he wanted of this keeper who could not make his account world's comforts; but was willing to balance prayed earnestly that God dwell "two whole years in his cwn error, which might bring a stain on hired house" as a prisoner in Rome. his good name. He knew he was What a comfort Paul has been to honest and God knew he was honest others. If it were not for Paul I and he believed God would help him would know so little about certain in his perplexity and peril. He rose matters that my folk would be ashamed from his knees, opened the safe, took of me. Thank you, Paul, for being a out a blotter, and immediately found blessing and a comfort to me. Some an entry which had not been trans-

A business man in a large city tells six dollars were also promptly paid in.

registered in the Lamb's Book of Life, more in his absence than in his pres-Death comes to take you away? If so, if no prayer had been offered, and it might not. The morning prayer, his "Be comforted" while on earth you confidence in the help of God all

Let no one imagine that things will always turn out according to our desire We all admit that it is easy to do when we pray. It may be otherwise. wrong; and I honestly believe that it Our desire may not be right. The issue may be contrary to our wish. Money, health, and temporal prosperity are not always bestowed on those who pray. But whatever hapto those who have not, all I feel like pens the best result will be the issue, saying is, You have missed a chance to for "all things work together for good to them that love God." Still, it is right to pray "in everything." Everything is sanctified by prayer. Secular things become sacred when they are accompanied by prayer. Temporal things may be taken to God in prayer that you should make life serious and as well as spiritual things. Temporal lofty? Do you one instant doubt that things have a place in the economy of He wants you to be pure in deed and God's kingdom and in the development of character.

w hat a Friend we have in Jesus ll our sins and griefs to bear! What a p ivilege to carry E erything to God in prayer O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we be r All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!" Chris. Advocate

### The Price of Eternal Life.

There was a preacher of the Gospel who had gone down in a coal mine during the noon hour to tell the miners about Jesus Christ. After telling them the simple story of God's love to lost sinners, the time came for the men to resume work, and the preacher came back to the shaft to ascend to the world again. Meeting the foreman, he asked him what he thought of God's way of salvation.

"Oh, it is too cheap; I can not be lieve in such a religion as that." Without an immediate answer to his

emark, the preacher said : "How do you get out of this place? "Simply by getting into the cage,

as the reply. "And does it take long to get to the

"Oh no; only a few seconds!" "Well, that certainly is very easy and simple. But do you not need

"Of course not!" replied the miner. "As I have said, you have nothing to do but get into the cage."

"But what about the people who sank the shaft and perfected all this room alive, how important every arrangement; was there much labor

"Indeed, yes; there was laborious time may be the pivots on which eighteen hundred feet deep, and it

"Just so; and when God's word tells you that whosoever believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life, you at once say, 'Too cheap! Too cheap! forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of deed by prayer. Many a perplexed sonl struction and death was accomplished has come safely through his difficulties at a vast cost, the price being the by prayer. A widew who was left death of his only Son. Men talk about with the care of five children, and the 'help of Jesus' in their salvationthat if they do their part, Christ will fronted with a bill for a considerable do his, forgetting or not seeing that sum. She was not able to pay the the Lord Jesus Christ by himself doubtful if he could live, as nearly all bill, and was sure it had been paid by purged our sins, and that their part is her husband before his death, but did but to accept what has been done, and not know where to look for the evi- thank God for it."-The Classmate.

Giving and Getting. God not only loves a cheerful giver. but the cheerful giver always gets his reward. That reward is generally in the richer return of spiritual good, but sometimes also the reward is in larger material good. Of this latter class an nteresting instance is narrated which occurred years ago when they were raising subscriptions to the Plymouth Church, in Cleveland, O. Many were the struggles and sacrifices which its walls represented as they went up. One evening a lad said to his mother: 'I mean to put down twenty-five dollars to the church. I have nineteen dollars saved toward a watch, and guess I can work out the other six dollars somehow."

So the savings of some years went into those walls, but the boy did not regret the sacrifice, and the remaining

The pastor was on at the East tioned, incidentally, the boy and his fairer than day." But Paul must taken ill and compelled to take a sea watch. After service a gentleman revoyage. The entire responsibility of marked to him, "I don't like the idea Weary ones, do you want to be the business was suddenly thrown on of that boy losing his watch." "Nor I," said one and another. So a few

of Christ. Do you want to be rich, to and help. This he did every morning, relating the circumstances and calling far out on the stormy sea may be

the skies? If so have your name found that the business had prospered the seat before him, weeping from ex-'cessive emotion. He was a boy of light," said the little taper, "it is so Do you want to feel ready to go when ence. All this might have happened fifteen, modest, but manly, and he very small." could only trust himself to bow his, "If your light is small," said the man, thanks. But words were not needed, "keep it burning bright, and leave the and there were many moist eyes in the assembly. I am sure that boy felt! that the Lord was a good paymaster. top of the lighthouse, for this was And he is not the only one who has lighthouse they were in, he took the proved the Lord's faithfulness to His little taper and with it lighted the great promises.—Lutheran Observer.

### Begin To-Day.

Is there nothing which Christ, as your friend, your Lord, your Saviour, wants you to do that you are leaving rest to him. - The Wellspring. undone to-day?

Do you doubt one instant, with His high and deep love for your soul, that He wants you to pray? Do you doub one instant that it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all men about you who are His brethren? Are you doing anything like that? Do you doubt one instant that His will is word and thought? And are you but one: The reluctance of men to pure? Do you doubt one instant that serve the holy God by being holy. His command is for you openly to own Him and dec'are that you are His servants before all the world? And have you done it? These are the questions which make the whole matter clear.

No, not in quiet lanes nor in the bright temple courts, as once He spake, and not from blazing Heavens as men sometimes seem to expect - not so does Christ speak to us. And yet He speaks! I knew what He-there in est obstacles to the progress of all His glory-He, here in my heartwants me to do to-day, and I know that I am not mistaken in my knowledge. It is no guess of mine. It is His voice that tells me.-Phillips Brooks,

#### Patience.

Be patient toward all men. The cold hammer fashions the hot iron He who would govern others must first learn to govern himself. Passion is blind. Cool, deliberate, and at the same time energetic, action makes itself felt in every department of life.

Be patient toward your brethren. Some men are slow to see into good things. They want to do right, but it takes them a good while to determine what is required of them. Every member of the body of Christ is not an eye. To get out of patience with these dull ones will not help either them or you. Give them time and they will do their duty. We all have our infirmities. Let us bear with each applied.

To be patient you must have patience. The stream cannot flow if the fountain is dry. The fruit wilnot grow without the tree. Resoluanswer. You must pray as well as resolve. Ask God not merely to help you in your outward conduct, but to give you the inward grace. Unless you get that you will fail as you have failed before. Be determined on victory in this.-World's Crisis.

### His Life Closed His Lips.

A youth at one of the large iron works in Sheffield, England, was some time ago accidentally thrown on a redhot armor plate. When he was rolled off by his fellow workmen, it was one side of him was burning to the bone. His workmates cried out, "Send for the doctor !" but the poor, suffering youth cried:

"Never mind sending for the doctor; is there any one here who can tell me how to get saved? My soul has been Reglected, and I'm dying without God.

Who can help me?" Although there were three hundred men around him, there was no one who could tell him the way of salvation. After twenty minutes of untold agony, he died as he had lived. The man who saw the accident and heard the cries of the dying youth was a wretched backslider, and when asked about the matter, he said:

"I have heard the cries ever since, and wished I could have stooped down and pointed him to Jesus, but my life closed my lips."

Does your life tell sinners you are saved, or does it close your lips when those around hear you talk and witness your actions ?-Selected.

### ' A Parable.

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer and lighted it, and began to ascend a long, winding stair. "Where are you going?" said the taper. "Away high up," said the man; "higher than the top of the house where we

"And what are you going to do there?" said the taper.

"I am going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the possess a perfect title to a mansion in and when his partner returned it was out the lad, whose head was down on looking out for light even now."

Well, when the man got up to the lamps that stood ready there with their polished reflectors behind them.

You think your little light of so small account, can you not see what God may do with it? Shine-and leave the

#### Serve God By Being Holy.

The following words from Mark Hopkins, one of the wisest and best men of the century, should be written in letters of light on all missionary movements.

What should hinder our going forward with increased momentum to the conquest of the world? The obstacles appear to be many. There is The holy God can be served only by being holy.

Now Christianity is itself holiness, providing a method for sinners to be holy. But the aversion to this is so great that men either deny the necessity of it, or they substitute for it something which they call religion; something which, substituted for holiness, has been and is one of the great Christianity.

So it was at its beginning. The Pharisees were religious—specially so -but they crucified Christ when He was on earth, and have been doing it ever since. Instead of seeking to be what they ought to be inwardly, they sought-and the Pharisees of all times have been doing it-to appear well outwardly, thus substituting formality for holiness.-Missionary Review of the World.

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