Only a Smile.

GEORGE MACDONALD. Only a smile that was given me. On the crowded street one day, But it pierced the gloom of my saddened

heart, Like the sudden sunbeam's ray. The shadows of doubt hung over me, And the burden of pain I bore, And the voice of hope I could not hear, Though I listened o'er and o'er.

But there came a rift in the crowd about And a face that I knew passed by, And the smile I caught was brighter to

Than the blue of a summer sky; For it gave ne back the sunshine And I scattered each sombre thought, And my heart rejoiced in the kindly Which the kindly smile had wrought.

Only a smile from a kindly face, On the busy street that ray! Forgotten as soon as given, perhaps, As the donor went her way But straight to my heart it went speeding To gild the clouds that were there And I found that of sunshine and life' blue skies,

I also might take my share.

Religion in the Home.

REV. G. B. F. HALLOCK, D. D. A lady took a guest on a suburban train to a friend's home to tea. At the station she bought no tickets. No fare was paid on the car. On returning home, the guest remarked the fact. "Oh, the conductor does not call for our tickets half the time on these short trips," replied the lady. "When he does, we just pass him the change, and when not, we save our fare.' "But I would rather pay my fare than save it in this way," said the visitor. "Oh, well, if conductors do not have careless rejoinder; "besides, we go so rides."

sations happened in the presence of children. Thus, in a thousand trifling ways, are petty deceits, peccadillos, to be thought dishonest, and who never seem to think what their inbusiness relations. Is it any wonder that from such lessons heard in the home circle larger defalcations come, that the love of greed is made subservient to better ends? While recognizing the good influence of a good the evil influences of a bad home life, even when the badness does not go beyond so-thought little things. There may be explanation here, also, of some of the downfalls of those who have is the genuine thing, pure and unde-

of his return, he told his wife and of all. family at the supper-table of the change for years, and now he shall have the best room we have; besides, there are glad to have them remain, but that if life. they desired not to do so, they would

We heard Dr. John G. Paton, the veteran missionary to the New Hebrides, say, the other day, that among church-members in this country.

steadily, faithfully maintained.

parents should not hesitate to use a the fatal hour. good degree of authority in their There is constant opportunity o bright service does attract and increase that time and change can never efface,

my pew." The father is now in the father's pew, and is a main supporter a good one, "As long as my boy sits at my table he must sit in my pew.' As long as our children are at home with us we should use the authority God gives us to guide in the matter of their religious training and habits.

In every community there are throngs of children who are suffering from lack of this parental care and assertion of authority. If they feel like going to church or Sunday school, they go; if not, they stay at home, or roam the fields, or stray in the streets. No parental authority is used to se cure their religious training, either in the home or outside of it. This neglect is a sin for which the parents must answer at the bar of God. It is one from which they are likely to reap the bitterest results, both here and hereafter.

At a religious meeting in New York, a speaker asked, "Where are our young men to-night?" The next speaker was the chaplain of the State prison, and began his address by say ing: "I can tell you where our young men are. I preached to four hundred of them in the penitentiary last night.' That far too many from Christian homes are there is sadly true, but this also is true, that a proper exercise of parental authority in many homes might have greatly reduced that list.

The plea we would make is a very earnest one for more religion in the home-for more true Christian homes. Some writer has said, "France builds time to take up the tickets, that is churches and convents, but America their lookout, not ours," was the builds homes." The civilization of these countries attests the truth of often that we ought to have some free the remark. Our prayer is, that our beloved America may be known Each of these incidents and conver- | throughout the world, becoming trully worthy of such high praise, as the land of Christian homes. Let each family do its part to bring about so practiced by people who would scorn desirable a condition, and the confluence may be in the family and strengthens and ennobles the home among those with whom they have strengthens and ennobles the republic. -Religious Telescope.

Service.

BY W. L. MCDOWELL, D. D.

home life, let us not fail to recognize paid to the life and character of Jesus perplexed at the request. of Nazareth is not far too seek. It lies revealed in the word "service." One man may feel the attractiveness that inheres in His unstained purity. Another is drawn irresistibly by His come from thought-to-be Christian gracious compassion. Another conhomes. We are to have religion in fesses to the magnetism of His selfthe home, but let us make sure that it forgetfulness. But we comprehend decidedly on the increase. This we the fullness of His power to elicit the believe to be an unhealthy desire, and homage of men when we say that in must be detrimental to both the char It may take courage to have religion in every sense and in the completest acter and usefulness of the Christian in the home. Indeed, it usually does. degree He made Himself man's servant. himself. In this bustling and hurry-It has been told of Judge McLean, of In Him humanity's ideal life is per-Ohio, that he was converted when on fectly realized, and, becoming the the workman are under high pressure a visit away from home. The evening servant of all, He has become the Lord during their working hours, and when

he had experienced, and at the close for evermore the true conception of and calls so near that one's spare hours suggested that they go into the next life. Worldly wisdom says to us, cannot be depended on for quiet conroom and have family worship. In 'You are in this world for what you templation, it was never more necesthat room were a number of lawyers can get out of it." Jesus Christ says, waiting to consult the judge. The 'You are in this world for what you made to His disciples: "Come ye wife offered their presence as an ob- can put into it." In its moments yourselves apart into a desert place, jection, and suggested that they go to of clearest vision the world, forgetting and rest awhile." The opportunity a more retired part of the house. "No," its own word, bows to His, and craves | which the sanctuary gives us for quiet said the judge, "the Lord has been highest in its temple of fame the meditation meets that need. There we crowded out of every part of my house names of those who have really served. have the hush from the rush of life,

some lawyers who would not be injured eye. The summons that lies in it we house should stand watch in hand and by attending prayers." He went into must ever hear. Every temptation to punctuate his appeals to his congregathe parlor, told the lawyers he had forget it must be vanquished. Nobil- tion with furtive glances at his timebeen converted, that he was going to ity of character can be attained only piece, and infect with the fever of his have family prayers, and would be as service becomes the keynote of our own anxiety, those who have been

be excused. They all remained, and through the performance of our specific Whilst no one would plead for us to the strong stand for Christ did the tasks. Each of us has his vocation. go back to the days when our Puritan judge good, his family good, and the We are serving our fellow-men when forefathers, for five hours at a stretch, lawyers good. It was a good beginning we do the work that belongs thereto held their services and fed the flock of for a life of out-and-out service for faithfully. Every faithful life, no God on a "body of divinity," yet an Christ. It took courage for the judge | matter how limited its sphere or how | abnormal longing for brightness and to do what he did-as much courage obscure its work, is really serving. brevity ought not to bring the preacher as for many a soldier in battle to walk | The dull routine faithfully gone to the other extreme, "while the right up to the mouths of hotly-firing through, the dreary drudgery faith- hungry sheep look up and are not fed.' fully performed, is service in the best sense. We see this clearly in some not to be degraded into the character critical moment, when faithfulness to a of entertainments, but they ought to common task counts for much. A boy | be essentially worshipful and helpful, the thousands of Christian homes runs an elevator up and down the where those harassed with tormenting among those converted cannibals there | shaft in a great hotel day in and day | cares will find help for duty, strength is not one that does not have daily out until he has grown to manhood. for trial, courage for temptation, and family prayer. They put to shame One morning the flames sweep in rest for weariness. The short, bright many much more highly favored great sheets through the building, and service, which so many are calling for, Religion in the home is to be intro- ing bell, runs as usual until the blister- may please and entertain, but nothing place." duced and maintained in a wise and ing fire has rendered powerless the can justify it as a substitution for the winsome way, but however much hands that hold the rope, and another worshipful service and the edifying and courage it may take, and it will take name is added to the roll of earth's strengthening message which are courage, it is to be introduced and martyrs. The faithfulness of the necessary to bring us in touch with humdrum, uneventful days was just God, and gird us for our duties and To secure religion in the home, as really service as the faithfulness of responsibilities towards men. We

of that church. That fa her's rule is lips be often filled with these, we shall thereby serve.

'Never a word is said But it trembles in the air, And the truant voice has sped, To vibrate everywhere; And perhaps far off in eternal years Its echo may break upon our ears.

The service of deed stands next to this. "Lend a hand" is a precept with which we have grown more or less familiar. Some people are always leaning. Others there are who are always lifting. To which class do you belong? Opportunities for 'little deeds of kindness" are numberless. As we use them we serve. The cup of cold water is neither valueless nor despised. Opportunities for larger deeds are less frequently within our reach. The true spirit of service is tested more strongly by the former. There is also the service of character. We cannot all do, especially large deeds, telling deeds. We can all be. The chance for highest and most constant service lies here. What I am affects my fellow-man more than what I say, even more than what I do 'What you are sounds so loud, I cannot hear what you say," Emerson lips are silent, active when our hands are at rest. He serves best and most

Short Service Craze.

faith, and love. - Chris. Advocate.

Lately, an intelligent young lady, visiting from the country was invited to attend service in one of the city churches. Before consenting she asked if the preacher was "long-winded." summation so devoutly to be desired few Sunday evenings ago an elderly will not long be delayed. Whatever member of a city church, who is an appreciative listener and lover of hi own pastor, entered the vestry just before the pas or proceeded to the pulpit, and requested that he would "cut the service short." Now, as this pastor rarely preaches more than half an hour, and crowds the evening service The secret of the universal homage into sixty minutes, he was somewhat

The two remarks, coming from persons so widely separated as to age, environment, education, and Christian experience, being made concerning different ministers and in different churches, leads one to the conclusion that the craze for short sermons is ling age, when the business man and telephones, bicycles, and other modern Thus He has set before us once and inventions bring the distant friends sary to listen to the request that Jesus We are then, to have this word and it certainly is not desirable that "service" writ large before our mind's he who leads in the services of God's consumed with the passion of business Service is to be rendered in and during the working hours of the week.

The services of God's house ought the elevator, in answer to the summon- does not meet these necessities. It very much doubt whether the brief, an impression upon the young hearts

go to church, but his Christian father | "Words are cheap." Yea, but often it is doubtful if the effort is worth the memories of the old home? Oh, if kindly but firmly insisted that he "words are mighty." Speech may be cost. Such a congregation is very there were only a "father's kneelingshould. The father said, "As long as as the sting of the asp or as the carol quick to divine the intention of the place" in every family! The mother my boy sits at my table he must sit in of the lark. It may fill the blood service, and goes for the entertainment kneels in her chamber, and teaches with venom or inspire the soul with offered, not for any permanent or the little ones the morning and evengrave, but the son to-day sits in his cheer. Pure, kindly, heartening spiritual blessing. The church cannot ing prayer, but the father's presence is words, words of hope and faith, if our but feel it is ministering to a very often wanting; business and the cares morbid taste which must ultimately of life engross all his time, and though end in nausea. Thus the whole tone the mother longs for his assistance and of the religious life is lowered, the co-operation in the religious education dignity of the worship of the sanctuary | of the children, he thinks it is impaired, confidence in the winsomeness of the Gospel lost, and the power and position of the preacher curtailed by a time limit. Dr. Forsythe never said a truer word than that which he uttered before the Congregational Union, "that Christianity would never come into its own until it was delivered from the brief, bright and brotherly bane." = Can. Baptist.

> Paul the Missionary: The Secret of His Success.

> > BY AMOS R. WELLS.

In the eight verses we study this week-the dying words of the great preacher, hero, and world-conqueror - he gives the secret of his success in five particulars. He writes from prison, but he wrote nineteen centuries ago, and we are reverently studying his words to-day. That is, by virtue even of this single fact, that these millions of Endeavorers will this week be moved by Paul's thoughts, he is more alive to-day than he was during love him. once wrote. The utterance of charac- his life-time. And that is a success of ter drowns the utterance of speech which no Alexander, Caesar, or and deed. It is articulate when our Napoleon could boast. How was it

In the first place, Paul was a fighter whose inmost being has been so touched | "I have fought the good fight," he and transformed by love for Him who tells Timothy. His letters all march 'came not to be ministered unto, but His deeds were all charges. The fierce to minister," that even its unconscious | battle energy burned throughout his o itgoings radiate purity, peace hope, years. He was "fervent in spirit"-"boiling in spirit," as it would exactly be translated. He wore the whole armor, and he used every weapon. No Christian can do Christ's work in the world without this conquering

In the second place, to set over gainst this bold characteristic, Paul was patient. "Withall long-suffering," he tells Timothy. Though his words could thunder, he could be as tender as a woman "Love suffereth long, and is kind," he wrote, in a matchless went back again. Where Christians were recreant, he pleaded with them. How patient he was with the Corinthians, how considerate of Onesimus, how courteous to Agrippa! With all his boldness, Paul knew not to bluster.

Thirdly, he was a well-rounded Christian. He was all things to all nen, that he might win one man. He was a tent-maker, traveler, pastor, bishop, organizer, orator, writer, missionary, teacher, Jew, Gentile. He did not shrink from the lowest, and 'full proof of his ministry," as he arges Timothy to do. A Christian is not much of a Christian until he is

Christian all over. Fourth, he was ready, "instant, in eason, out of season." Quite opposite from the timid Christians that "takeno chances," he took all chances. He never saw an 'unpromising field.' Inder the stones he perceived the soil; or if there was no soil, he knew what weathering would change the stoniest heart to fruitful ground. He was always about his Father's business; and when Christians imitate him in this, as he imitated Christ, they have his success.

Finally, the sum of it all, he was faith-filled. He "kept the faith. Even from his dungeon gloom he saw the crown. He endured, as seeing Him who is visible. Whosoever thus allies himself with the Unseen, and walks everywhere consciously accompanied by his risen Lord, and hears everywhere Christ's ringing command or tender comfort, will not fail to find everywhere opportunities for Paul's heroism, and will transform every one of them into a Pauline success. -Sabbath Reading.

Father's Kneeling-Place.

The children were playing "hide the handkerchief." I sat and watched them a long while, and heard no unkind word, and saw scarcely a rough movement; but after a while little Jack, whose turn it was to hide the handkerchief, went to the opposite end of the room, and tried to secrete it under the cushion of a big chair. Freddie immediately walked over to him, and said in a low, gentle voice, "Please, Jack, don't hide the handkerchief there; that is father's kneeling-

"Father's kneeling-place?" It seemed like sacred ground to me, as it did little Freddie; and, by and by, as the years roll on, and this place shall see the father no more forever, will not the memory of this hallowed spot leave households. A boy did not want to rendering service through our words. the congregations, and even if it should, and remain as one of the most precious

woman's work, and too often leaves it to her alone.—Sydney Advocate.

God Reigns.

As Dr. Beecher was on his way to the post office one morning a parish ioner greeted him thus: "What's happened, dominie? I never saw you look so cheerful." To which he replied: "I had a vision last night. An angel came to me saying, 'Dr. Beecher, you have been making yourself a lot of unnecessary trouble lately. You want to manage the universe. Why not leave something to God? I'm a good deal happier now that I find he's look ing after things."

I wish that angel would visit us every night. We are continually forgetting the blesed truth that God reigns—that even when he permits : tidal wave to destroy a city and hundreds of lives, he can and will overrule what we call a calamity for good. And since he is omnipotent, all things must work together for good to those who

Ready to Help.

We remember hearing a speaker tell how in his youth he and a young companion became lost in the maze at Hampton Court; they wandered about, tired, discouraged, but they felt sure they would find their way out presently, and they thought it would seem foolish to ask directions, though they saw an old man working not far off. All their efforts, however, proved unavailing, and at last they came with red faces to ask the old man if he could possibly tell them how to get out of the maze.

"Why," he answered, "that's just what I am here for; why did you not say you wanted to get out before ?" And he put them at once on the right

There is One who stands ready to be our Counsellor, our Guide, our passage. Where they stoned him, he Light, in every labyrinth; instead of yielding to worry, let us simply ask Him to take us by the hand and lead us through. - The Quiver.

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