

The Light.

When darkness thick reigned over all the deep, When mist and chaos over earth did creep...

When men in sin and shame were weighted down, And groveled like the serpent on the ground...

When in the fullness of the glorious day Christ came, the sting of death to take away...

Rejoice! Rejoice, O men of earth, and sing Hosannas shout for tidings that we bring...

Zion Languishing.

A good cause may languish. Religion may sometimes decline. Although it is the special charge of the Almighty...

There are different degrees of spiritual decline. In some cases Zion languishes, but still much of the life and power of God remain in the hearts of her people...

One symptom of a decline in religion is seen in the pulpit. When preachers leave the pure word of God and begin to speak on the Sabbath day on purely secular topics...

Another symptom of spiritual decline may be seen in the small increase of church members. A mere increase in numbers without an increase of spiritual life is not desirable...

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No One Spoke to Me.

One often hears this remark from members who have come into a congregation after the congregation has been for some time organized...

There is a tendency, especially in large congregations, to separate, and seek congenial companions in church work. Just as in a large field filled with workmen...

One of another kind, coming into the congregation hears a certain band of workers everywhere spoken of as being among the nicest people in the church...

The blame is not by any means with the new member alone. The few friends who have worked together resent the incoming of a stranger...

Dom. Presbyterian.

Martyrs and Martyrs

There are martyrs and martyrs. Some are burned at the stake, some starved in dungeons, some pierced through by the tongue of slander...

But what of all this? To the devout, faithful servant of the Lord it only proves the truth of his Word: "Because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you..."

But let God be obeyed and duty discharged "though the heavens fall" though the people applaud or hiss...

Oh, that to-day men in church and state were anxious to be popular with God as they are to be popular with the people...

Brother, sister, are you discouraged because your services are not appreciated by the people? Have you been receiving censure where you expected praise?

The time of reward is not yet. This is service time. Let it be faithfully improved. What though men do fail to appreciate your work?

Indigestible Religion.

It requires a great deal of ingenuity to build a house or fashion a ship, but more ingenuity to build the temple of a child's character...

After a while the boy arrives at that period in life when he is too old for chastisement and too young to know and feel the force of moral principle...

What Are You Giving?

To the church? How much of your time and energy? How much of your best thought in planning her work?

To the unfortunate? What a large number of our brothers and sisters are crippled in one way or another worse than physical blindness or lameness!

To the great, wide world? It is getting close together, and we can see now the needs of China, Africa, Cuba, the Philippines...

In Good Standing.

The meaningless nature of the term "in good standing" is aptly described thus in Church Life: The ice-cold Christian may be a member of the church...

- No daily Bible reading. No blessing asked at the table. No family prayer. No Bible instruction for the children...

Well, what has he, then, which the commonest sinner has not?

1. He has his name on the church roll. 2. He has his name on the list of contributing members.

3. He has a pew or an occasional sitting in the church. The three things, and nothing more, to entitle him to the glorious name of Christian.

A Midsummer Christian.

A beautiful instance of Christian integrity is given of a distinguished Christian lady who was spending a few weeks at a hotel at Long Branch.

Finally, an honorable senator tried to persuade her to attend, saying, "Miss B— this is quite a harmless affair, and we want the exceptional honor of your presence."

"Senator," said the lady, "I cannot do it; I am a Christian. I never do anything in my summer vacation, or wherever I go, that will injure the influence I have over the girls of my Sunday-school class."

The senator bowed, and said: "I honor you; if there were more Christians like you, more men like myself would become Christians."—All Aboard.

The Need of the Hour.

To your closets, O church of the living God! The great and overwhelming need of the hour—of our country and church—of our souls, is the fresh and immediate baptism of the Holy Spirit...

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The Foot-path to Peace.

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love, and to work, and to play, and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them...

A Merited Rebuke.

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went upstairs, and it strikes me you spent very little time in prayer yourself, for I know your light was soon out, and you were soon in bed; and when you came down this morning, never a word you said of prayer, or of a chapter, before the beginning of the day...

Redeeming the Time. The words, "redeeming the time," are not fairly translated. They mean "buying up the opportunity."

Well, I am not a Christian, but I never put anything in anybody else's way. Yes, but you do. You are putting yourself in the way of all that are behind you.

We have no gratitude for those reformers who would force upon us a doctrine which has not sweetened their own tempers or made them better men than their neighbours.

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