

As Seeing Him.

They are brave men—God's sufferers,
In silence they bear pain;
Their greatness is in fortitude,
Struck, but they strike not again;

Why are they strong amid the weak?
Because faith's eyes are clear;
They see the Christ, and they endure,
Because they know Him near,

There is a secret in their joy
We have not learnt as yet,
Who fret and fume, and strive and strain,
Whose eyes with tears are wet;

"I Want a Spade."

A good minister, now dead, once
preached to his congregation a powerful
sermon founded upon the words of
Christ, "Why stand ye here all the
day idle?" (Matt. xx. 6). The sermon
did good to many, among whom was a
lady who went to the minister the
next day and said, "Doctor, I want a
spade."

Giving money to the cause of Christ
is a good spade with which to work.
What a privilege for rich Christians to
give their gold for the eternal salvation
of human souls!

"Where are you going so fast?" said
one youth to another as they met on
Westminster Bridge. The reply was,
"I am going with my father's dinner,
for we are building the House of Par-
liament."

The pious instruction of the young
is another "spade" with which it is
good to work. What a noble labour
Robert Raikes commenced when he
gathered his first class of Sabbath-
schoolers in the city of Gloucester!

With which to work in the Lord's vine-
yard. One does not need great intel-
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with which to work in the Lord's vine-
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Distributing religious tracts is an-
other useful "spade" for us to work
with.

converse concerning them and the
people among whom they were lent.
The result of the conversation was
that she became deeply interested in
the spiritual condition of the popula-
tion around her, and prevailed upon
her husband to spend a considerable
sum of money in the erection of build-
ings for the religious instruction of
the young.

Another "spade" is inviting young
people to attend the house of prayer.
A young man was standing, on a
Sabbath evening, at a corner of one of
the London streets; he was invited to
go to a neighbouring sanctuary. He
gave himself to missionary work and
became famous throughout the world
as the "Martyr of Erromanga."

Dear reader, try to work for Christ;
strive to be something like Him "who
went about doing good"; and who
most truly said, "It is more blessed to
give than to receive."

Forgetting and Reaching Forward

It is worth something to get a
glimpse into the heart life of a great
man like Paul the apostle. The idea
sometimes seizes us that he and men
of his class were of an unusual order
of beings, that their environment was
so different from that of most men
that they were not subject to the laws
to which we bow, and that it was
easier for them to live the higher life
than it is for men generally.

To be dissatisfied with incompleteness,
to strive after perfection, and to
pitch the life to the key of progress is
to give expression to a profoundly
human instinct.

There is a wonderful stimulus in
Paul's words to the Philippians just
quoted, so graphic and suggestive are
they, and full of strong determination
and life. They are the words of a
sane and hopeful soul, and are a
message of encouragement to men and
women bowed down with the weight
of their sins, mistakes, stumblings,
and general unfaithfulness, who may
be on the point of yielding to the
temptation to give up what seems to
them to be an unequal struggle.

The picture presented by Paul is
that of a foot race, and it was quite
familiar to the Philippians. But it is
not always possible to make the things
of the material life apply to the affairs
of the spiritual life, even by way of
illustration, for it sometimes happens
that the illustration does not illustrate.

Not even Paul would have us "forget
the things that are behind" if the for-
getting of them conferred no benefit.
In fact, there are many things that
should ever be remembered, even
though they "are behind," because
they are of untold value in assisting
us in our daily lives.

"Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the e-soul-freshing view
Of Jesus and His word?"

But whether we forget or remember
we should be constantly "reaching
forth unto those things which are
before." It will not do for a Christian
to abide too long in one place in his
religious experience.

"A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way."

"'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye:—

"That prize, with peerless glories
bright,
Which shall new luster boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs'
gems
Shall blend in common dust."

The Golden Rule Business.

There is in Cape Colony at the present
time a gentleman who has been ex-
tremely successful in the timber trade
and he has gained by his superior abil-
ity a large proportion of the great con-
tracts of the colony.

On the day after the fire, the man of
whom I speak walked quietly into the
office of his former employer, and that
employee said to my informant that
when he saw him coming he felt he
could have killed him coming to gloat
over his ruin.

Now, according to all the laws of
political economy, as Adam Smith
understood it, the man behaved ab-
surdly. According to true political
economy, as John Ruskin has taught
us, that man behaved wisely and well;
he followed the instincts of a higher
truth than the competition for con-
tracts, and he found his reward in the
lasting blessings of the young man
whom he had saved, and in that peace-
ful conscience which will stand him
in good stead when all the wealth of
the world has been consumed by moth
and rust, and only the treasures that last
are remaining.

Do Men Just Need Patching-Up?

It is true that there are plenty of
people outside the evangelical churches
that go upon that assumption. That
consider the one and only thing to be
desired is development, evolution.
Throw around men the forces and in-
fluences that will best give them im-
pulse to go on in progress toward the
good, that should be the aim of all
workers after man's welfare.

It cannot be denied that the preach-
ing in Methodist pulpits within the
last generation has been increasingly
ethical in its character. The itinerant
of the earlier days stood before his
congregation wherever met with this
one conviction supreme, his hearers in
great majority stood under the con-
demnation of the law of God, and ex-
posed to His wrath, and needed, above
all else, salvation from their sins in
Jesus' blood.

Removing the Root.

"I have been pointing out the
short-comings of others all my life,
but the other day a colored man brought
my own teaching home to me in a way
I will never forget," said the philoso-
pher, as he smiled at the recollection.

"On the outside of one of my study
windows, and before which is placed
my desk, a spider has been spinning
his web for some time. The sight
was annoying to me, and every time
that I observed the web I took a broom
and brushed it down.

"I am afraid that many men who
fall in life are like myself and the
spider's web, they merely brush away
the web and don't go deep enough to
remove the cause of all the trouble."

Consecrated Substance.

There is no faithful Christian man
who keeps an unconverted pocket-
book. God's universal law of unself-
ish service is as supreme in the domain
of material possessions—in the realm
of that wealth which extends a man's
power "to bring things to pass"—as
it is in any other department of man's
possible efforts.

that law of service; and though in
managing his property he may misre-
gard this obligation, he can never
escape it.—Merrill E. Gates, D. D.

Stand By Him.

The pastor ought to be a man of
stainless hands and loving heart, so
true that everybody can trust him
with the secrets of life, and so gentle
that no one will feel a diffidence in
speaking to him freely—a real gentle
man, a pure man of God, a brother
indeed. That's what he ought to be;
and all the people should stand by
him, especially when he has to per-
form trying work.

HOLDING ON TO A SIN.—A little
child was one day playing with a very
valuable vase, when he put his hand
into it and could not withdraw it. His
father, too, tried his best to get it out,
but all in vain. They were talking of
breaking the vase, when the father
said, "Now, my son, make one more
try; open your hand and hold your
fingers out straight, as you see me
doing, and then pull."

Many of the bitter experiences of
life would be endured with a cheerful
heroism if we only knew what we
afterwards found out, that we were at
the time taking a wholesome tonic, in
which case we should have smiled
while we were making faces. "All
things work together," etc.

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