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Pray Without Ceasing.

Unanswered yet, the prayer your lips have pleaded In agony of heart these many years?

Does faith begin to fail, is hope declining And think you all in vain those falling

Say not the Father has not heard your You shall have your desire, some time,

Unanswered yet? Tho' when you first presented

somewhere

This one petition at the Father's throne, It seemed you could not wait the time of aslang,

So anxious was your heart to have it done If years have passed since then, do no For God will answer you some time,

somewhere. Unanswered yet? But you are not un heeded:

The promises of God forever stand; To him our days and years alike are equal. "Have faith in God!" It is your Lord's

Hold on to Jacob's angel, and your prayer Shall bring a blessing down, some time somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say un answered; Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done

The work began when first your prayer was uttered. And God will finish what He has begun

Keep incense burning at the shrine of And glory shall descend, some time, some-

where. Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be un-

Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock. Amid the wildest storms she stands un daunted,

Nor quails before the loudest thunder She knows Omnipotence has heard her

And cries, "It shall be done, some time

somewhere." -"Watchword and Truth."

The Conversion of a "Bum." LEAVES FROM PASTORS' LIVES.

BY REV. ROBERT STUART MACARTHUR, D D Can a "bum" be converted? To this question different pastors give contradictory answers. One of the most prominent pastors in this city recently stated that, notwithstanding all the manifold activities of his active church during his score of years, he had never known a "bum" to be genuinely converted. Few pastors in any city have had so wide an experience in dealing with men of this class as the pastor to whom this remark is attributed. His church is the centre of many-sided efforts for the physical, social, mental and moral well-being of all classes and conditions of men and women.

Of this church the late Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby said that its soup kit. chen was its most active department-Perhaps this department is too active. In all our cities to-day there are those who will follow the church, as men followed the Master in his day, for the loaves and fishes. It is interesting to observe how seldom our Lord wrought miracles in order to furnish the bread that perishes. According to its population, the needs of Palestine were as numerous and varied in Christ's day as are the needs of any country in our day. It is observable that when he wrought miracles to furnish food for the physical man, he made the miracle chiefly introductory to a discourse on himself as the bread tha came down from heaven. His great rule for the salvation of men from all the ills to which flesh is heir was their genuine conversion. He went out himself, and he sent out his apostles to evangelize the masses of men. This was his sovereign remedy; this was the divine panacea.

become honest, industrious and economical, they will readily solve the problem of physical support. True should they make application for memthe Master's of the utmost value; and fession of Christ. There baptism into that example clearly shows that he threefold Name soon followed. kept the supply of physical need at They were watched over with patient the minimum, while be placed the dis- and tender pastoral solicitude. No tinctively spiritual side of Christian pains were omitted to make their new work at the maximum.

as they come into the atmosphere of secrated American girl became his fore, carefully guard itself against well-doing. Having put his hand to orized by the declarations of the Bible administrative labors, -and his word ministering to the development of the plow, he has never gone back, nor to say that his hand is stretched out to has become almost a proverb among Liziness, shiftlessness and dishonesty even looked back. in word and act, in its relations to Whitefield was rebuked for declar- ently ask you to take it. You can ac- done it ' His state has recognized that

ing the early conversion and wise Lady Huntington's, he was called out beyond.'-Youth's Companion. training of children. More and more to meet two women who were sinners do such workers see that the devil and to whose broken hearts and blastought not to have sway over the earlier | ed lives that remark gave hope and years of our young people. The stains | healing. Thus his apparently extravof sin can never be washed out of the agant words found their justification. soul, so far as concerns their sad mem | The Gospel has lost none of its pristine ory. It is unspeakably sorrowful that power; it is still the power - the dynamen who are converted late in life mite, as the original word means-of have lost their true life, even though God unto salvation to every one who the soul may be saved.

But that now and then a genuine "bum" is truly saved cannot be doubted. There is power enough in the love of Christ to break the hardfuture penalty.

A few years ago a well-known evanyoung men, generally under the influence of liquor, attended the service on a Sunday evening. With one of these young men I am now specially concerned. Scarcely knowing what he did, he remained to the inquiry-meeting. A beautiful, cultured and consecrated woman sat beside him and illness on the cars and had stopped at told him of Christ's ability and willingness to save the lost. He was stupid from drink, and remembered The patient proved to be Squire Joyce but two things concerning this experience-the angelic love as it seemed to the doctor slightly knew. He exam him, of this woman, and his own promise to be present on the following Sunday night. He kept that promise. Perfectly sober, he listened to the earnest appeals of the preacher. wonderful power. He was deeply go on your journey,' he said. convicted of sin, and that night he

was soundly converted to God.

Let us look at him as he thus begins the new life. He is of medium height, has coarse and unintelligent features, with a face marked by dissipation, and with all the distinctive characteristics, in brogue and act, of a street gamin. But the leaven of the new life is already penetrating this mass of unfavorable conditions. He at once drophabits. He at once began to give testimony, not only in the religious meetings, but also in his daily vocation, to the saving power of Christ. He became the object of the criticism and scorn of his former companions; he became also the subject of his father's bitter persecutions. the father declaring that he would perfer to see him drunk in the gutter as a Catholic, testimonies were marked by a Bowery brogue, and colored by the nationality of his parents. His violation of the simplest rules of grammar was equalled the new life was in his soul; and it orable environment. He began earnestly to study the Bible, and its matchapparent. His public testmonies soon became intelligent, scriptural and instructive. The expression of his face became agreeable, and his whole life was transformed. There were four others who with him

professed conversion at this time. Before a committee made up of some of the most prominent and noble workers of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city-under whose auspices the meetings were conducted, at which these young men were converted-the question was anxiously here? discussed as to whether any church in the vicinity would receive these young If men are truly converted, and so men as members. Some of the committee honestly doubted whether any crouched on the floor, his eyes fixed such converts would have a welcome religion purity into the heart, burship in any of the churches. One ate little fellow. He has followed me brains into the head, industry into member of the committee named a through the storm and has been lying the life, and so money in the pecket. church then in the neighbourhood in outside the door, knowing I am in this It is alto ther likely that some which these converts would have a closed chamber. He never was here chu anduly magnified the cordini welcome. In that way the before. He did not know what was supply of more physical wants. This writer came in contact with this group in this room. He did not care to know. is a danger to which certain institu- of young men. He remembers well I was in it, his master, whom he loves, tional trobes are clearly exposed, their testimony before the church who has cared for him. He was not Here, as everywhere, the example of when they made their first formal con- afraid." life socially attractive, intellectually which I am going. I do not ask to ed heavens. The beginning of every That conversions among those who educative and spiritually instructive. know what is there. I believe that great creation is in light. The busifollow the Church merely for what Four of the five did well; running my Lord and Master is there. In all ness man who gains is the one who they can get out of it, are extremely faithfully not only for a time, but these latter years of my life I have felt sees the possibilities of trade; the genrare, no one familiar with the facts through the years, and one of the that he cared for me. My confidence eral who wins is the one who sees will deny. This is a well-nigh hope- -the man to whom reference has been has been such that I have been assured when and where and how to fight. An less class. They live constantly under fully made-did excellently well. that in my hours of trial he has never old-time governor of one of our Amerthe impulse of their lower natures. Some years later I officiated at his failed me here. I sincerely believe he ican states, a man of great practical They stimulate their worst ambitions | marriage, when an intelligent and con- | will not fail me yonder.' the Church. The Church must, there- wife. This man has never wearied in

believeth.

The Church has a great duty i opening her doors and giving a welcome to those whom Christ has received, to whatever social class they may est heart; there is merit enough in chance to belong. The Church is the his atonement to wash away scarlet school of Christ; all who are willing and crimson sins, so far as concerns to learn at the Master's feet should their subsequent power and their have welcome. The Church is, in some sense, a hospital; and all who need and desire healing should be received. gelist was holding Gospel meetings It is not simply a place for the strong, Sunday evenings in a building known | but also for the weak; not simply for as the Park Theatre, in this city. Five the upright in life, but also for the

He Feared the Gate.

Late one stormy evening the old doctor was summoned to see a man who had been attacked with sudden a little inn near the railway station, about three miles from the village. from the neighboring county, whom ined him carefully and gave him medicines taken from his saddle bags. Then he rose to go, smiling cheerfully down at the anxious face of the sufferer.

'You will, I think, find yoursel The Spirit of God laid hold of him with better in the morning; able I hope, to

'Yes. Stay a minute, doctor. want you to be honest with me. have had seizures like this before Shall I have them again?'

'It is probable.

'I want the truth all of it,' 'Yes, they will return.'

'I may die in one of them to-mor

'Yes; or it may not be for years; it is uncertain. Do not waste your life ped his old companions and his sinful in anticipating them. We all must go through the same gate some day. 'The gate-yes! But beyond the gate—what is there?'

His eyes were on the doctor's face, full of doubt, almost of pain.

The two men were silent a moment. 'What is there?' Joyce repeated, harshly. 'You are a member of church-a Christian. I have no religious belief. Tell me, for the love rather than see him sober, industrious of God, what is there beyond. If and prosperous as a Protestant. His may go to-morrow, what shall I find? 'I do not know.

Joyce did not speak for awhile, and

then gave a forced laugh. 'I need your help more for this only by his ignorance of the most than for my disease. I'd rather talk familiar passages of the Bible. But to you than to a clergyman. You are a shrewd man of the world and a good struggled heroically against its unfav- man. Sometimes I am greatly depressed, thinking of this darkness into which I am going. For thousands of less power in disciplining the mind years men have gone out into it, leavand improving the speech was soon ing their loved ones behind, and not one has sent back word to say how it fares with him-not one.'

> In the silence which followed the rain beat against the windows. There came a slight whimpering cry from without.

> 'You are an old man, doctor,' said Joyce, turning quickly on him. 'You are not far from the gate yourself. Are you not afraid of what may be

'No,' said the old man. 'No, I am not afraid. May I ask you to look

He rose and opened the door. Outside, in the dark hall, lay a little foxterrier, drenched with rain. He was on the closed door.

'This is my dog, a bright, affection-

Joyce looked at the doctor keenly a moment before he spoke.

'You mean-

'I mean that I am like poor Punch. I am not afraid of the dark room to

'But I—I do not know him.'

than reformation. More and more receive even the devil's castaways; | you will. That done in sincerity, you atoned for by the impecability and the our wisest Christian workers are seek- but that very day, while at dinner at will not fear the gate, nor all that lies efficiency of his procedure. First to

Encouragers.

In a story describing a country parish in Scotland mention is made of church member who belonged to band of "encouragers." He was an elderly man, who had heard many a sermon from many a preacher string the church to which he belonged and, he never let one of them go away without a word of encouragement, and what is sometimes quite as welcome, a hearty shake of the hand.

Now, there are different ways of encouraging a minister. Elderly people pounds in weight, while the earth in may do so by speaking well of his sermons, but this would hardly be bewho are not yet grown up. It is not for us all to speak; but we may all listen, and a really good listenernot one who simply sits still during | boa absorbed from the air. So it is the sermon, but one who pays atten tion to what is being said—is as much | are built up out of the spiritual atmosof an encourager as is one of those who praise.

It is only too often the case that siy of themselves:

listen to the sermon! It is intended for old folks, and we cannot understand half of it."

If, instead of wondering how much longer the sermon is going to last and wishing one could sleep sitting up, a young churchgoer would try as hard to statue. Every trace of it has vanishunderstand what the preacher is say- ed now. But there is still in exising as, on week-days, he or she tries tence an epigram which gives us an to make sense out of long rules in excellent description of it; and, as we grammar and arithmetic, the preacher | read the words, we can surely discover would soon notice the difference in the | the lesson which those wise old Greeks expression of his listener's countenance, and begins to feel very much every passer by. incouraged indeed.

We all have our troubles, and as school children feel when the answer to their sums don't correspond with those in the book, or when they find that they have completely forgotten a whole tense of the verb they were sure they had by heart, so does the preacher feel when he finds that he is not interesting the young people who have to sit still while he is in the pulpit.

When people talk to use out of church, ordinary visitors or those we happen to meet on the street, it would be considered impolite for us to show them by our looks that we are not paying attention to what they have to say, no matter how foolishly they neight talk; there is far less excuse for us to treat with such discourtesy the speaker who is talking to us of the most important thing in the world -the way of salvation.-Classmate.

Catch the Falling Jewel.

A genuine conversion makes a man olicitous of the welfare of others, and eager for their salvation. This makes a large call on a man's wisdom and tact, and then the well-meant efforts of many young Christians to win others or to remonstrate with them about their ways, are not always marked by such insight. Some, from a too eager spirit of interference with others' spiritual welfare, after a few failures and rebuffs, fall into permanent discour-

Both extremes are to be avoided. We are to seek the good of others with patient taet, and also with gentle persistence. Better than rescue are warning and prevention. How often may a wise and loving word, spoken in the nick of time, stop a soul on the very verge of a fatal precipice!

George Eliot somewhere says that when the conscience of the race is developed, we shall run as eagerly to prevent a man's or a woman's fall as we should to save a beautiful mantelpiece ornament in danger of coming to the ground and being dashed to pieces. That will be when the constraining love of Christ has had its way in the hearts of His people.-London Chris-

One of the First Steps.

Seeing goes before doing. Every great an 1 good work starts – as Christ's did in the Jordan, as Paul's did on the Damascus road—with a vision of opengood sense, though of but little education, said, after the accomplishment 'He knows you. I think I am auth- of an especially difficult part of his you. I think, too, that I can rever- his people, - I seen my duty, and I this large class. Formation is better ing in a discourse that Christ would cept him as your guide and teacher, if the inaccuracy of his grammar way

see, then to do, -that is the way of good workmanship forever. Vision is as needful as good tools or bread and butter. We can all, then, raise for ourselves the blind man's petition, Lord, open thou mine eyes,' that we may see. - Sunday-school Times.

The Atmosphere We Live In'

A Flemish physician planted in pot of earth weighing two hundred pounds a willow branch weighing five pounds. He kept the plant well watered, and in five years the willow had guined one hundred and sixty four the pot had lost only two ounces. Van Helmont inferred that the plant's coming in those among his hearers growth was due only to the water which had been supplied. Modern botanical science proves that the gain was in a great measure due to the cartrue that strong spiritual characters phere in which they live.

The willow needed the earth to support its roots. It needed the water. young people who would very much It needed the sunshine. It needed resent being told that they haven't the atmosphere. Deprived of any of brains enough to understand what the (these elements, it would have failed to teacher says in the school room, will grow, if not to live. So we need a soil to grow in, which is the Word. We "Oh, it is of no use for us to try to need the water of life, the Holy Spirit, and we need the Sun of righteousness. and also the atmosphere of Christian sympathy.—Herald and Presbyter.

OPPORTUNITY. - In one of the old Greek cities there stood long ago, a meant that the statue should teach to

The epigram is in the form of a conversation between a traveller and

"What is thy name, O statue

"I am called Opportunity." "Who made thee?"

"Lysippus.

"Why art thou on thy toes?" "To, show that I stay but a moment. "Why hast thou wings on thy feet? "To show how quickly I pass by,

"But why is thy hair so long on thy orehead? "That men may seize me when

they meet me. "Why, then, is thy head so bald

"To show that when I have once passed I cannot be caught."—Christian

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