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A Blessed Opportunity.

God gave me something very sweet to be mine own this day-A precious opportunity, a word for Christ

to say; A soul that my desire might reach, a work to do for Him; And now I thank Him for this grace, ere

yet the light grows dim. No service that He sends me can be so

welcome aye, To guide a pilgrim's weary feet within the narrow way; To share the Shepherd's quest, and so by

brake and fen, To find for Him His wandering lambs, the erring sons of men.

I did not seek this blessed thing; it came a rare surprise,

Flooding my heart with dearest joy, as lifting wistful eyes. Heaven's light upon a dear one's face shone

plain and clear on mine; And there an unseen third, I felt, was wait ing-One divine.

So in this twilight hour I kneel, and pour my grateful thought In song and prayer to Jesus for the gifts

this day hath brought. Sure never service is so sweet, nor life hath As when He bids me speak for H m, and

then He does the rest. -Margaret E. Sangster.

Building up Zion.

In the Scriptures, the figure of building a house is often used to express the extension of the Lord's cause among men. The church is represented as a building which is in course of erection, and the work of carrying on this building in some respects is given to his people to perform. To give heed to this hint is important, for some people have the idea that the church is rather a place to dwell in than a structure in whose

building we are to have a share. Of course there are certain instrumentalities which are to be used for this purpose of building up the Lord's Zion. These are the means of grace as we call them. By their instrumentality the life and activity of the members of the church are developed. This results in the building up of the church as a whole by just so much.

But we desire to call attention to certain other aspects of the upbuildng of Zion in our own day. And we shall make what we have to say bear directly on the building up of a single congregation, for if we secure the growth of each single company of God' people, his Zion will be built up as a

First, the cultivation of family re. ligion has a much more direct bearing upon the building up and prosperity of a congregation than is sometimes supposed. Hence, for the church as well as for the sake of domestic welfare, family religion should be carefully cultivated.

This means that the very atmosphere of the family circle should be religious. The parents should be devout and truly pious in the home. Religion should be a matter often spoken about and in a frank, natural way the conversation with the children should often turn to such elevating topics as these. And no doubtful practices in the way of social recreation should be allowed to invade the family circle. The conversation should not be alw; y: worldly, and it should never be frivolous. A simple, natural, cheerful and wholesome piety, which will attract rather than repel, is very desirable in the home.

Then family worship should be diligently observed. A few minutes morning and evening spent in reverent devotion is of immense value. It every Christian home should have. Amid all the hurry of our age, families should take time or make time, for this exerise. There is reason to fear that there is a decline in this matter and if this be so the church will suffer for we are persuaded that one of the is to have the church in the house.

be brought to church, and thus trained time to waste, no time to be killed. in the habit of church attendance. Wise men have accomplished wonders Parents cannot be too careful in this in fragments of time which others His relation to man and God, that its respect, and children ought not to be throw away. left to their own whims or inclinations in this matter. The formation of the portant duties is want of time. The the certainty grew within His mind son's Balsam there are the elements habit of church going is a matter busy mother neglects the improvement what His death must be, we may be which depends largely upon the in of her mental faculties because she has fluence of the home, and in this way no time. She sees her children growthe home helps the church. In turn ing in knowledge and becoming more the church services should have in and more intelligent, while she is His redeeming work. them something for the children, so standing still in her intellectual life. that they may become interested in She is being left behind by her chil- the cross would stand out in human the services. To see the children dren. She is losing touch with them history, forever and unshadowed, a going from the Sabbath school while in an important department of life. clear and luminous illustration of the their parents are going to church is Her household duties must be per- loftiest conceivable self-abnegation. not a good sign. Children should be for ned. She cannot read. brought to God's house as well as to But what is time for? Self-improve. absolute effacement of self-interest, of the Sabbath school, for if this be not ment is one of the most important all merely personal desire and ambitdone the danger is that the habit of duties. One "can afford to neglect ion, for the sake of others and of God. church going will not be formed, and household duties as well as to neglect No shiftings of religious unbelief, no

and efficient workers, the next genera- improvement. tion will have to go without them, and great loss to the church will ensue.

This bears upon the duty of the church toward the young people. This is of vital importance. The young people should be instructed in the doctrines and polity of the church, and fully informed in regard to its agencies and work. The young women should be taken and trained by those who are already active and well inabroad. Classes for this purpose should be formed and mission study is no comparison between one's financircles might be of great service.

out in the same way. They should be for prayer first and afterwards in the prayer meeting of the church. They should be thoroughly trained in the beliefs and practices of the church, so that when the church needs new officers there would be men under God's a matter of time.

whence are our ministers to come? In worthy form of benevolence. large city churches, particularly, this the candidates for ministry come from shall answer with shame. If they not very much of the love of God in confort for God's afflicted children. the families of wealth, refinement and would consider what they are doing culture. Ministers should preach and they would be ashamed now. Think secret deciples. He wants us as his pray about this matter, and parents of spending all one's time on the followers, to be willing to do anything should dedicate their sons to this holy things that perish, while the things that will have a tendency to help fallen calling so that God, blessing and which are eternal are within our reach. humanity to return unto him and be honoring these proper means, may by Think of the folly of devoting ten saved. He says, "Yeare my witnesses." his Spirit call young men from many hours each day to money-making, and If that be a fact, why, then, should we homes in country, town and city into only ten minutes to the good work of not be willing to confess him publicly.

Thirdly, Zion is to be built up by of giving ten hours a day to the body, bringing those outside the church altogether into it. This is the aggressive How can we answer for our time? evangelistic aspect of the church. A church that is not filled with this hold care, from worldly pleasure, from spirit is not likely to be built up, nor the things that injure soul and body, to be able to build up Zion very much. A cordial invitation to neighbors who do not go to church to come with us is what we can all give. A warm wel come and a hospitable reception to strangers who may come to our place of worship is of value. An earnest interest in the salvation of souls, and diligent attention to the poor are influences for good.

There should be aggressive mission work, as there is opportunity, in the locality where our church is. Every city church of self-supporting strength should have its own city mission. This will do the people good themselves, and it will be good to others who may be careless. In this connection churches must adapt their modes of work to the circumstances in which they are placed. And as our cities are becoming larger and the people are coming to them from the rural districts, the problem of building up Zion is becoming ever more and more difficult. Certain modifications of method fully meant to Him. may be expedient, that the old Gospel may be brought to bear on the teming multitudes in our large city centres. The problem of the building up of Zion is now largely a problem of city evangelization. If the church will make the duties of the day easier, cannot solve this problem, it will fail and its burdens lighter. A passage of in its full duty. We believe that God's word read, a hymn sung together | there will be success and that Zion and a brief, simple prayer, is what will surely be built up more and more. -Chris. Observer.

things must be left for others. Some ceivable to us. In the mere fact that things must be left for the future. strongest influences to build up Zion There is time enough for each one to nothing exceptional. Hundreds of do everything that should be done. other men had been, and afterward In addition, the children ought to Time must be redeemed. There is no were, crucified. It is in the signifi-

Secondly, the members of the church good depends as much on her intellect. ever can dim the distinctness of the and especially the young people, must ual improvement as upon her house cross with the Redeemer hanging upon be trained in the church to carry on keeping. Neither the one nor the it as the emblem of self-sacrificing its work, and thus build up Zion. In other should be neglected, but neither love. Throughout the ages humanity the church one generation goes and should occupy so much time that the will look back to it, not only as the another comes. Unless we train up other must be neglected. Everyone crowning fact in our Lord's history, in this generation a band of intelligent 'can afford to take time for intellectual but as the supreme illustration of the

Some time must be given to social life, some to bodily and mental recreation, some to business, some to spiritual interests. The most important thing is the spiritual life. Many man attempts to justify his neglect of prayer and worship on the ground that he is too busy. He has time to make money, time to buy and sell, time to study the markets and the laws of finance, but no time to seek the salvaformed in mission work at home and tion of his soul. The folly of this course could hardly be excelled. There cial interests and the salvation of his And the young nen should be led soul. No sensible person will maintain that temporal things should be trained to pray in their own circles neglected. But it would be far better to neglect temporal affairs in the interest of money or business. There is no occasion to neglect either. Let both er. If we are a very great friend to be attended to well. Take time to Christ and his cause, we shall not be transact business, to buy and sell, to afraid to say so publicly. If we have the it is to be able so to meet life's sordo everything that a good citizen should love of God shed abroad in our hearts rows! and to feel sure, as the apostle hand who are thoroughly equipped for | do. Take time also to serve God. | we will gladly say something in favour | did that "our light affliction, which is the work in these offices. If a church | Time spent in repentance, in prayer, of Jesus Christ and his wonderful love | but for a moment, worketh for us a does not train up a set of officebearers in searching the Scriptures, in family for the human race. Did you ever en- far more exceeding and eternal weight to take the place of those who grow and public and secret worship and gage in any work for Christ that you of glory." That assertion of Paul in old or are called home, that church is communion with God, in whatever is did not receive a blessing? Did you 2 Cor. 4:17, speaking of his tremenon the decline, and its decease is only necessary to the improvement of the ever leave the class-room without dous and varied affliction as "light," In addition every church should the contrary, it will yield larger returns not then feel that you had failed to do heavily covered his whole life on earth seek to have brought forth from its than time spent in any other way. something that you should have done? —as "for a moment" when compared ranks young men for the ministry. If Take time for religious work. Take the ranks of the ministry be not re- time to visit the sick, to minister to one who professes to be a Christian to "light" when compared with the cruited from the families of the church the poor and needy, to aid in every testify. Give your experience to your weight of the glory of the reward in

and less than ten minutes to the soul. Take time from business, from houseand devote to the best things. - Advo-

The Meaning of the Cross to Jesus

It is impossible for any one of us to put himself successfully in the place of our Lord as His earthly career drew to its close and He foresaw the cross standing before Him. In some measure we can appreciate what the effect of His ministry and His life must have appeared to Him to be. We can form an idea, imperfect though it be, of His distress at the lukewarmness, or worse, of His closest friends. We can sympathize with His natural shrinking from the terrible ordeal, and can faintly perceive something of what it must have meant to Him to realize that nothing less than the cross was the crown of His redeeming work for men. But only afar off and with faltering steps can we follow Him in the sense of understanding what the cross

We may be sure that He looked upon it as the consummation of His work of salvation. The resurrection was to complete that work, but not in the same vitally essential sense. It is the cross which was typical of the sacrificial feature of His work, which by a most solemn and memorable object lesson was to teach the ages that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, and that the Sinless One-the only stainless soul who ever lived-could not enter into the fruition of His holy and saving career but One cannot do everything. Some through the gateway of anguish inconour Lord died on the cross there was cance of the cross to Him, its peculiar meaning to one who sustained only full meaning is to be found, and sure that there was at least this consoling thought, that the cross meant the consummation and completion of

Nor could He fail to understand how It was the supreme illustration of

character of His life.

The cross, and Jesus knew it, appeals to the deepest elements of human nature. It was on the cross that Jesus in a special and unique sense assumed the sin and sorrow of our ives. It is with the cross, therefore, that redemption, forgiveness, and peace always must be associated. It was the crowning fact in the life of Christ because it meant that which was the most solenin, most far-reaching, most spiritually valuable influence and power of His whole career on earth. - The Congregationalist.

Witness-Bearing.

The experience or testimony meeting is surely a blessing to every Christian. It is a blessing to have an opportunity of speaking for our Redeemspiritual life, is not wasted time. On giving your experience? Did you and as "but for a moment," when it

your heart. Christ does not want Chris. Observer. laying up treasures in heaven. Think Whosoever therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10 30, 33). Therefore, if we deny Christ before the public, when we have an opportunity of confessing him as our God and Saviour, he will also deny us as his children before the Heavenly

before the world, that they may see that we have faith in him. If we refuse to do this, how much better, then are we than the sinner who does not confess Christ at all? David said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.' Will we do it? God help each of us to make this the prayer of our hearts.

It is a blessed opportunity that we enjoy in having the privalige of engaging in the testimony-meeting. Malachi says, "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared th Lord, and that thought upon his name' Brethren, do you not enjoy telling your Christian experience, and do you not love to tell of Jesus Christ and his power on earth to forgive sins ?-Rel.

COUGHING ALL NIGHT.

It's this night coughing that breaks as down, keeping us awake most of the time, and annoying everybody in the house. Lots of people don't begin to cough until they go to bed. It gets to be so that retiring for the night is an empty form, for they cannot

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Unkind words may be forgiven, but long years go by and they are not forgotten. We who spoke and they who heard may desire to have them drop out of remembrance, but they come back to thought again in spite of us and hinder love. How brief the gratification of their utterance! How in great carelessness and loss will fol- intellectual improvement. The influ- political convulsions, no lapse of time, When the bitter word has been spoken ence of a mother over her children for no chances or happenings of any sort there is no power that can recall it.

The Chastening of Christians.

BY REV. R. M. PATTERSON, D. D. A gentle and earnest Christian woman who had nursed her hust and through a tedious sickness and had him taken from her by death, in a letter to ne on some family and bu iness matters, added the following

I am quite well, and find enough to do to keep me from thinking too much of myself. The Lord has been very tender and gracious to me in my sorrow, and I do not want it to overwlelm me, but that I may learn every lesson and be ready for whatever he has planned for me.

I do not think I have ever met with better presentation of the way in which a Christian should meet affliction. Our lives are planned for us by God. Afflictions and the lessons that they teach have their place in his plan. The Lord is tender and gracious even in his chastening dealings with his

And the active duties of life prevent an unhealthy introspection and an unhappy moping. What a blessed thing It is absolutely the duty of every with the unending eternity, and as brethren. Tell what Christ has done Christ's presence, where is fullness of The days of our years are few. For for you. If you cannot summon up joy, and at his right hand, where are is now a serious matter, for so few of each one we must give account. Many enough courage to do this, you have pleasures for evermore—has in it great

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