

A Blessed Opportunity.

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

No service that He sends me can be so welcome aye, To guide a pilgrim's weary feet within the narrow way;

I did not seek this blessed thing; it came a rare surprise, Flooding my heart with dearest joy, as lifting wistful eyes.

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.

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.

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.

But we desire to call attention to certain other aspects of the upbuilding 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's people, his Zion will be built up as a whole.

First, the cultivation of family religion 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.

Then family worship should be diligently observed. A few minutes morning and evening spent in reverent devotion is of immense value. It will make the duties of the day easier, and its burdens lighter.

Amid all the hurry of our age, families should take time or make time, for this exercise. 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 strongest influences to build up Zion is to have the church in the home.

In addition, the children ought to be brought to church, and thus trained in the habit of church attendance. Parents cannot be too careful in this respect, and children ought not to be left to their own whims or inclinations in this matter.

The formation of the habit of church going is a matter which depends largely upon the influence of the home, and in this way the home helps the church. In turn the church services should have in them something for the children, so that they may become interested in the services. To see the children going from the Sabbath school while their parents are going to church is not a good sign.

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Secondly, the members of the church and especially the young people, must be trained in the church to carry on its work, and thus build up Zion. In the church one generation goes and another comes. Unless we train up in this generation a band of intelligent and efficient workers, the next generation 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 informed in mission work at home and abroad.

And the young men should be led out in the same way. They should be trained to pray in their own circles 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 hand who are thoroughly equipped for the work in these offices.

In addition every church should seek to have brought forth from its ranks young men for the ministry. If the ranks of the ministry be not recruited from the families of the church whence are our ministers to come? In large city churches, particularly, this is now a serious matter, for so few of the candidates for ministry come from the families of wealth, refinement and culture.

Thirdly, Zion is to be built up by bringing those outside the church altogether into it. This is the aggressive evangelistic aspect of the church. A church that is not filled with this spirit is not likely to be built up, nor 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.

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.

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Taking Time for the Best Things.

One cannot do everything. Some things must be left for others. Some things must be left for the future. There is time enough for each one to do everything that should be done. Time must be redeemed. There is no time to waste, no time to be killed.

A common excuse for neglect of important duties is want of time. The busy mother neglects the improvement of her mental faculties because she has no time. She sees her children growing in knowledge and becoming more and more intelligent, while she is standing still in her intellectual life.

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good depends as much on her intellectual improvement as upon her house-keeping. Neither the one nor the other should be neglected, but neither should occupy so much time that the other must be neglected.

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 a man attempts to justify his neglect of prayer and worship on the ground that he is too busy.

The days of our years are few. For each one we must give account. Many shall answer with shame. If they would consider what they are doing they would be ashamed now. Think of spending all one's time on the things that perish, while the things which are eternal are within our reach.

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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.

COUGHING ALL NIGHT.

It's this night coughing that breaks us 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 rest.

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.

ever can dim the distinctness of the cross with the Redeemer hanging upon it as the emblem of self-sacrificing love. Throughout the ages humanity will look back to it, not only as the crowning fact in our Lord's history, but as the supreme illustration of the 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 lives. It is with the cross, therefore, that redemption, forgiveness, and peace always must be associated.

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 Redeemer. If we are a very great friend to Christ and his cause, we shall not be afraid to say so publicly.

It is absolutely the duty of every one who professes to be a Christian to testify. Give your experience to your brethren. Tell what Christ has done for you. If you cannot summon up enough courage to do this, you have not very much of the love of God in your heart.

Are You Getting What You Lived For?

Most men get what they live for. They usually get a great deal more than they expected or desired to obtain when they made their choice, but they have, in the end, the inevitable result or consequences of their supreme choice.

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A gentle and earnest Christian woman who had nursed her husband through a tedious sickness and had him taken from her by death, in a letter to me on some family and business matters, added the following sentences:

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 overwhelm 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 a 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.

And the active duties of life prevent an unhealthy introspection and an unhappy moping. What a blessed thing it is to be able to meet life's sorrows and to feel sure, as the apostle did that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

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