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Not To Be Ministered To

RY MALTBIE D. BABCOCK, D. D. O Lord, I pray That for this day I may not swerve By foot or hand From Thy command, Not to be served, but to serve.

> This too I pray, That from this day No love of ease Nor pride prevent My good intent Not to be pleased, but to please.

And if I may, I'd have this day Strength from above To set my heart In heavenly art Not to be loved but to love.

The Most Human of the Twelve.

How singularly do the five writers who tell us of the Apostle Peter agree as to his character. The same qualities of mind and heart, the same ups and downs in his experiences, appear in their different accounts of him. This dramatic unity of character strengthens our confidence in the trustworthiness of the sacred writers. For a poet to attain this dramatic unity, as, for instance, Shakespeare in setting forth Lago, we account it a proof of the highest literary power. But the identity of Peter, as he appears in these various writers, is ascribable, we feel, not so much to consummate literary skill as to the writers' candid use of the same well-known facts.

Indeed Mark and Luke do not portray Peter; they rather let Peter draw his own image for us. He bodies himself forth in words, in actions, in the Lord turning to look at him. In events. You get a reflection of him that look, we fancy, was no expression

And such a foremost part did Peter's enthusiasm lead him to take at every critical turn in the history of this new spiritual movement. His aggressiveness followed naturally. He was the first of the twelve who caught a glimpse of the universal-

ity of the new religion, that it was made good for the Gentile no less than the house-top at Joppa marks AN EVOLUTION IN HUMAN THOUGHT

AND FEELING

beyond our power to conceive. God placed him in "the look-out" when the early church set sail. The progressive unfolding in Peter's character which we find in tracing his life is what we might expect from his enthusiasm and aggressiveness. His origin was probably low; he was unlettered; his character at first was perhaps, to the ordinary eye, unpromising, so impulsive and jerky was he; his discipleship was, it is true, passionate, but also faulty and stumbling. In pite of all, however, the Saviour saw in him splendid materia and in the very breath in which he told Peter of hi base fall, he assured him of his ultimately righting up, and then added most expressively : "When once thou hast turned again, stablish thy brethren." This last prediction has been no whit less fulfilled than the prophecy of Peter's betrayal. It was no doubt a knowledge of this double-sided character in him, a knowledge of his strength as well as his weakness, that caused the Lord to love him and trust him as he did. How unspeakably tender is that incident told us by Matthew, in which we hear the bitter words of Peter's denial and then see

mightily to the consciences of men, great things. but spent little time on the work of one work of saving souls.

science, art, literature, and languages. the Church.

He must be an author, an editor, and It is then a blessed privilege, a sometimes an ecclesiastical politician. glorious responsibility to which iod He must know how to handle the calls us. We may, if we give up urdifficult questions of church life, that selves to be used by Him, become the come up for solution. Often in his gets the art of winning souls.

by certain evangelists about reaching God's great workmen. - Chris. Intelli-

the masses. Preachers tried to reach gencer. the masses, and churches made strong bids for the masses. Many things were introduced into the pulpit to attract the masses. In this wild chase after the masses the more important matter of reaching the individual has been to some extent overlooked. In winning souls we're called on to look after the masses, but the in dividuals. We may err by seeking to win two within specified time, but we can not err in seeking

to win one soul to-day. It is not necessary to wait till the

While some of them were powerful world-wide sweep in the Kingdom, be a hindrance to it. He who is unpreachers, they did not spend much and led to thousands and tens of reconciled to his brother, who he di time in the study. Some of the great thousands being saved. So it may be, on to his worldly amusements, who preachers of the past generation could the friend or neighbor, whom we seek will not perfectly surrender himself to not write sermons. They left no for Christ, may be a new force which the Lord and to God's way (workliterary heritage. They preached under the blessing of God may do ing, is hindering the answer to his prayers and preventing the reviving

That young man or woman for whom of his own heart and the hearts of polishing sentences and rounding you pray, may grow up to be the first others. If we seily want to be made for the Jew. That vision of his on | periods. They gave all their thought, of a multitude, an ever increasing ready for a work of grace in our own all their energy, all their time, to the ratio of saved ones year after year. souls and in the church to which w These children gathered about you belong, we will first get low before The Methodist preacher of to-day each Sunday in the Sunday school God, and seek his grace, and then go has many irons in the fire. He must class are to be the fathers and mothers out to remove whatever obstacles we be a good preacher, a good pastor, a of another generation, and each one may find in ourselves and in others to good student, a good financier, a good converted means a new household for the copious and igeneral visitation of organizer. He must study sociology, Christ, a new center of influence for the Holy Ghost.-Presbyterian.

"I Lfked It, But

Praise with a sting in it is not worthy of the name. It is of small instruments of turnin souls from comfort to a postor when a member effort to master all the arts which the death to life. And we hould remem- of his congregation takes pains to Church has put in his charge he for- ber that the most humble but stead- praise his sermon, and winds up with fast believer, who quietly lives and that depressing little word "but' -Preach rs and churches in this day prays for the saving of others, may What comes after that word may be have been misled in many cases by have a crown at last, gleaming with only a look, a shrug of the shoulders the frantic effort to reach the masses precious stars. Though unknown The sting is keen, and the attempt at which has characterized our times. A himself and filling a small sphere, the praise falls flat. "I liked it, but"few years ago a great fury was created ones he helps to save may become had better be left unsaid, if praise is intended.-S. S. Times.

> WHEN TO TRUST GOD.-It is one thing to feel that God is a helper in times of trial and danger ; it is another thing to feel that at all times God is better than all else. He has read God's Word aright who says, "It is well to say, 'What time I am afraid . will trust in thee,' but it is still better to say, 'I will trust, and not be afraid.' "-S. S. Times.

It is sometimes only by the lesser honor and help and bless all men that we can climb up to the greater ; about you who are his brethren? Are

THE GREAT REMEDY FOR WEAK NERVOUS WO

It's only natural that when a woma a remedy which cures her of nerve and weakness, relieves her pa aches, puts color in her cheek and vit her whole system, she should be a to let her suffering sisters know of Mrs. Hannah Holmes, St. James St. John, N.B., relates her experience this remedy as follows :-- " For some I have been troubled with fluttering heart and dizziness, accompanied smothering feeling which prevent from resting. My appetite was po was much run down and debilitat "Since I started using Milburn's and Nerve Pills, the smothering has gone, my heart beat is now n the fluttering has disappeared, and been wonderfully built up through th effect of the pills. I now feel strong better than for many years, and

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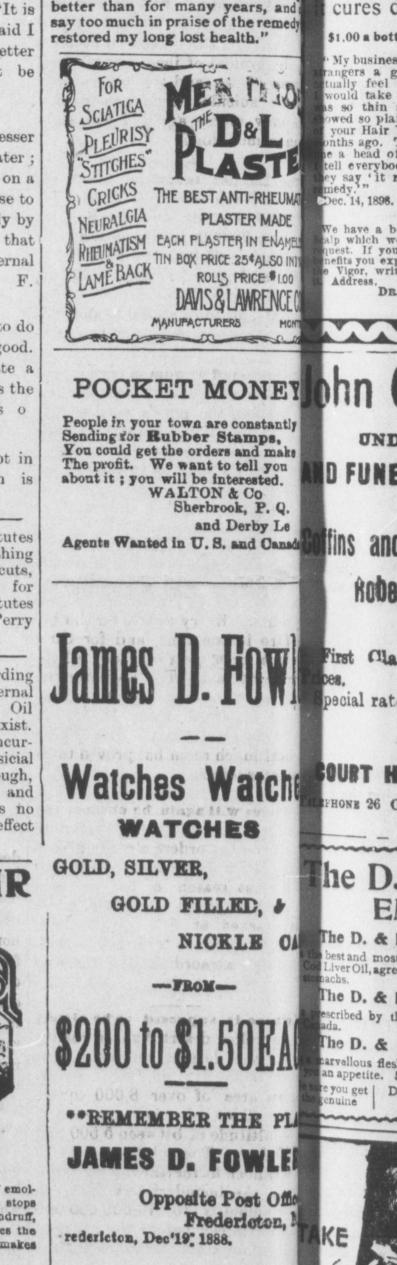
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in the effect which he produced on others. Luke does not list the qualities found in Peter. There is no subtle analysis, no diagnosis. All is concrete. Peter acts and speaks. Matthew's book is not a treatise, it is a transcript of life. And hence it is that we find ever new views and suggestions in studying these men and women in the Bible, just as each day in our own experience has in it something unexpected.

Though we know Peter so well, better by far than any of the apostles, yet only a spiritual portrait of him is given. The modern novelist describes persons by delineating the form and features, such as the height, color of the eyes and hair. How devoid of such physical delineations is Scrip ture ! Here you find only spiritual rather than unto God, judge ye; for portraits, a series of character-sketches Who in all bistory is better known to us than Josus, yet what can we tell of his size and personal appearance? Of these outward things nothing was so important as to be noted for us but of his soul in its sorrow and wrath, in its love and aspiration, all these inner characteristics in minutest detail are preserved for us.

INTENSELY HUMAN WAS PETER,

a stumbling, repenting, loving, aspir- to write powerful books on the subject not the philosophic acumen of Paul high order of Christian literature is a nor the exalted love of John. While great work. But winning souls is John is an ideal, Peter is a pattern greater. "He that winneth souls is for all to follow. He was a plactical wise."" man, instant in season and out of season. He rebuked his Lord ; drew sometimes lose the art of soul-winning. Christ and the truth may be led to a his sword in the Garden; refused at The early Church possessed this power first to be washed at all, then would in a high degree, but it gradually dehave his girded Master wash not his parted. The early Methodist Church joy, then, to help set such a life serdid he "slop over." Further, he more than for anything else. The humble instrument of leading out into quaked with fear before a maid and early Methodist ministers did not the Kingdom one who fills a large even denied his Lord with cursing. think they were making a success of place and does a world-wide work. Such is the halting career of this fore- their ministry if they failed in this most of the apostles. The Bible shows thing. The time is not long past all sides of a ran. In it there is no when the announcement of a prohero-worship. We cannot tell the tracted meeting in a Methodist church just fit many of us to-day does Christ story of a distinguished man without in one of our large cities would bring teach us through Peter. How much magnifying his excellencies and mini- together a multitude of people, many poorer would the New Testament be

of wrath, much less of scorn. Rather was it a look of love, infinite pity mingled with an unshakable trust. That look broke Peter's heart. The Lord had known as much. Thus this intensely human apostle is fulfilling to-day the command of his Master to stablish his brethren ; for by his very i consitte cies no less than by his loving devotion does he strengthen each one of us. As our own shortcomings make us mindful of Peter's

halting course, so let us pray that by reason of his final victory in faithful discipleship we may be led to show the same spirit of firmness and zeal. that this courageous apostle evinced in his answer to the persecuting Jewish rulers : "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard."-Baptist Argus.

Winning Souls.

Every Christian should study the art of winning souls. It is a great thing to be able to preach well, to expound the Scriptures correctly, and to maintain the doctrines of Christianity against its enemies with sound arguments. To write Christian hymns,

Christian ministers and churches life we may bring to the power of

Church shall come to a better spirit al condition to begin to win souls. Many a man complains that the Church is cold and dead, when he is the cold and dead one himself, and does not know it. If he wants a revival of soul-winning power, let him begin at home. Has he the power to speak to a sinner in such a way as to win him? If so, the revival is already begun. If not, he needs that power at once. The revival must be an in dividual matter. The great lack of the Church to-day is men and women who can speak the winning word to from blazing heavens, as men somethe wandering sinner. Where is the church in which there are two such sou'-winners? If there is one, the work will spread and grow mightily If there is one, with this divine art, then let no one utter a word of reproach concerning the coldness of the Church ; but let each go before God for himself, and wait on the Lord till his strength shall be renewed. -

like to do right, think that serving The Apostle James says it is great, the Lord means shoutin' themselves because "it saves a soul from death hoarse praisin' His name. Now, I'll and covers a multitude of sins." That ing servant as we all are. In him was of religion, and to scatter abroad a is a glorious fact which is true of every tell you how I look at that. I'm workin' here for Jim. Now, if I'd sit one who is turned from the error of around the house here, tellin' what a his way unto God. But there still

service for God and our fellow men suit Jim, and I'd get fixed mighty tenfold greater than our own. What quick. But when I buckle on my feet only, but also his hands. Often was noted for its ability to win souls vice in motion. We may become the see that Jim's herd is all right, and What a vacancy there would have ----

out Peter. How many lessons that

you doing anything like that? Do it is sometimes by touching only on a you doubt one instant that his will is little human love that we can rise to that you should make life serious and the Infinite love; sometimes only by lofty? Do you one instant doubt that making a little earthly sacrifice that he wants you to be pure in deed and we get a gimpse of the eternal Heavenly Sacrifice. - Rev. R. F word and thought? And are you pure? Do you doubt one instant that Horton.

Begin To-Day.

Is there nothing which Christ, as

our friend, your Lord, your Saviour,

wants you to do that you are leaving

Do you doubt one instant, with his

high and deep love for your soul, that

he wants you to pray? And do you

pray? Do you doubt for one instant

that it is his will that you should

quiet lanes, nor in the bright temple

courts, as once he spake, and not

times seem to expect-not so does

Christ speak to us. And yet he

speaks! I know what he-there is

all in his glory-he, here in my heart

that I am not mistaken in my knowl-

edge. It is no guess of mine. It is

his voice that tells me.-- Phillips

IF YOU CATCH COLD.

-wants me to do to-day, and I know

undone to-day ?

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Brooks.

his command is for you to openly own A sinner must not only cease to do him and declare that you are his ser- evil, but he must learn to do good. vant before all the world ? And have The Gospel does not contemplate a mere life of negation, it requires the

These are the questions which make most positive and active forms o the whole matter clear. No, not in right-doing as well as right being.

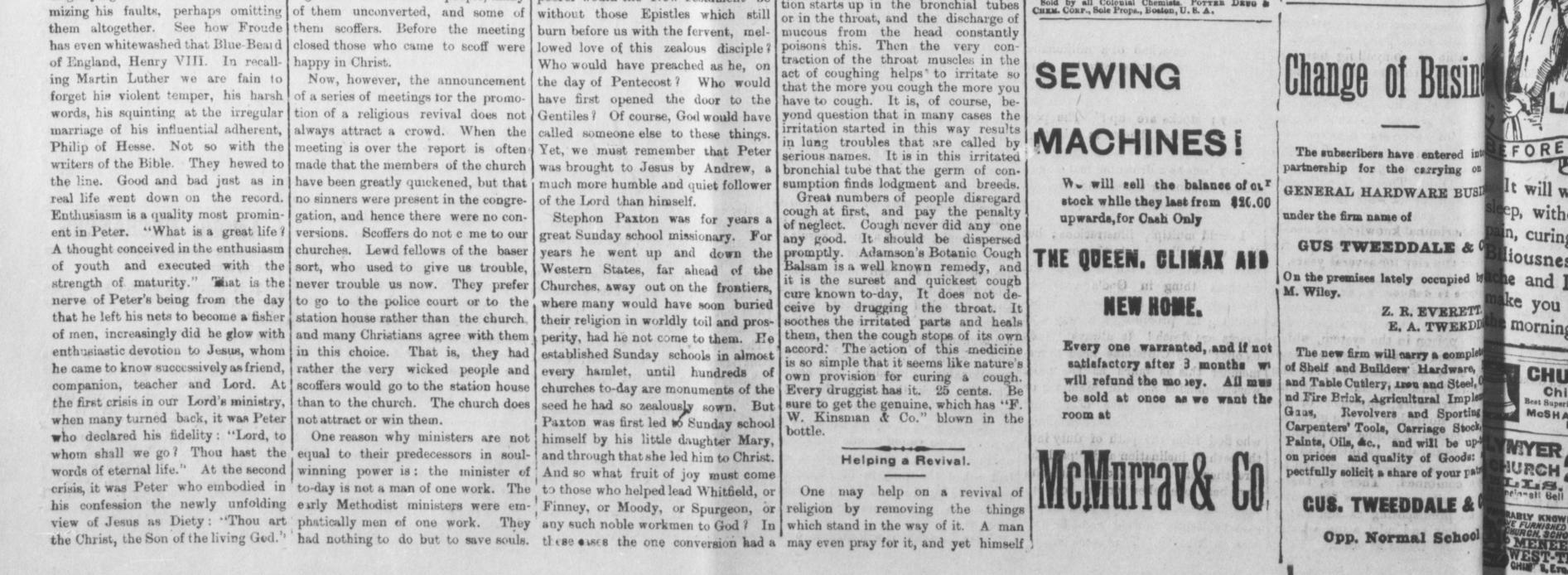
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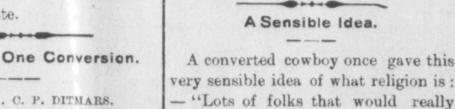
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remains the fact that some conversions good fellow Jim is, and singin' songs to him, and gettin' up in the night to mean so much more than others. The serenade him, I'd be doin' like what lots of Christians do ; but I wouldn't

straps, and hustle among the hills and not sufferin' for water an food, or not been off the ranch and branded by cattle thieves, then I'm servin' Jim as he wants to be served."

qeen in the band of the Apostles withcatch cold, but the thing that usually happens first is a cough. An inflammation starts up in the bronchial tubes

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