

Perfect Through Suffering.

God never would send you the darkness
If He felt you could bear the light
But you would not cling to His guiding hand

'Tis true He has many an anguish
For your sorrowful heart to bear;
And many a cruel thorn-crown
For your tired head to wear;

So he sends you the blinding darkness,
And the furnace of seven fold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to His feet,

Then nestle your hand in your Father's,
And sing if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer someone behind you
Whose courage is sinking low;

The Angel of the Church in Sardis.

Notes of Sabbath evening Lecture in United Free St. George's, Edinburgh.

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Themistocles, Plutarch tells us, could not get to sleep at night, so loud was all Athens in the praises of Miltiades. And the ministers of the other six churches in Asia were like Themistocles in the matter of their sleep, so full were all their people's mouths of the name and the renown of the minister of Sardis.

"Of all men in the world," says James Durham, "ministers are most obnoxious to this temptation of vanity. And that because most of their appearances are before men; and that in the exercise of some gift of the mind which is supposed to hold forth the inward worth of a man more than any other gift."

by applause, and mortified by the contrary; but there is nothing under heaven that I more sincerely and totally despise, and nothing which ever makes me so emphatically despise myself. I feel it infinitely despicable at the very moment the passion for praise is excited; and I hope by degrees, as time goes on, to be substantially delivered from it.

For one thing, admitting and allowing for all the good work His servant did, "I have found it far from perfect," his Lord says. But, perfection in the work of the ministry at Sardis, or anywhere else, is quite impossible; and thus it is that when we look closer into our Lord's words, we find that it was not so much absolute perfection that His Master demanded as ordinary honesty, integrity, and fidelity.

And now that the tide is beginning to turn in this Epistle, and in this minister's heart and life, this so unexpected word of encouragement and comfort is spoken to him. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy."

And his Master still proceeds with His pastoral counsels to this minister of His, very unwilling to give him over to the decay of soul into which he has fallen.

spirit of truth and love that was instilled into thee, and that made thee turn into this ministry of Mine. Remember thy college days, and the high hopes and generous vows made to Me in those days. Remember also how I delivered thee when, in thy deep distresses, thou didst call on Me, and what communings and confidences used to go on between us.

The last thing of the nature of a threat that is addressed to the minister of Sardis is this, "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." There is a certain note of terror in that warning which is here addressed to all ministers, the most watchful, the most prayerful before God, and the best.

When croup attacks your child you must be ready for it. It comes as an accompaniment to an ordinary cough, or it may attack without warning. All ills of children develop quickly, and when any kind of cough appears there should be something at hand to stop it with promptness.

in Thyatira, his last years should be far better than his first, this splendid seal was set on his second conversion—"to him that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels."

After Many Years. She was poor and feeble and old and the end of her journey was very near. Her last stopping place this side the unknown river was an Old Ladies' Home.

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Right and Wrong Use of the Tongue.

The sins of the tongue all point to the necessity and profit of self-mastery. So evident and so important did this appear to James that it occurs again and again in his epistle. "In many things we all stumble," he writes.

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