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Another error is to place the chief

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The harmony and fellowship of the

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The finances of the church will assume

a healthy condition without much

converted to God.-Chris. Advocate.

The Early Disciples

BY J. A. CROSS

The Christian of today is apt to

think that if he had lived in the days

when Jesus was upon earth, it would

have been easy to believe in Him and

trust Him. It is a common assump-

tion that actual sight with the cor-

poreal eye is sufficient for the appre-

hension and appreciation of all things.

But as human nature remains the

same, and as the eye is not made to

see spirttual things, it is not likely

that under like circumstances the be-

from the disciples of that time. In

deed, there are reasons to warrant the

belief that the early disciples with

our advantages would have been more

stalwart in the faith than are most of

us. Evidences of the truth and power

through the ages. The pioneer

class. They were too close to the

Poor Christians.

heaven shall find it.

I knelt, and o'er my spirit fell a hush Of thankfulness to God for blessing given,

When sudden, overwhelming, came a rush Of pity for the sorrowing under heaven. And earnestly I prayed: For Jesus' sake, O Father, comfort thou the hearts that ache!

There are so many heavy hearts tonight, With scarce one ray to penetrate their gloom

Those that have laid their dearest from make them feel comfortable were their sight, And turned despairing from the silent

Oh! lest in hopeless agony they break, Dear Lord, have mercy on these hearts that ache!

Others there are whose grief s ems long since past,

Because full many a year has rolled away Since sorrow's shadow o'er their lives was cast-

money will drive men away from the And yet to them it seems but yesterday! house of God. He that will seek Thou who wilt ne'er thy sorrowing ones money shall lose it, and he that will Console and cheer, we pray, the heart

And there are those who through long years have prayed

For some loved one still straying from the fold?

that ache!

And those who wait for answers long de Until their faith has almost lost its hold

Though sick at heart, let naught their courage shake, Strengthen, O Father, all such hearts that

And those who bear a grief no eye may see, of the church is first in the minds and

Who, of their inward suff'rmg show no hearts of pastor and people the brother-Nor ever seek the touch ef sympathy,

But hide their woe behind a smiling face. Thou who alone dost hear the moan they

Cheer in their loneliness these hearts that

Lord, fill us with a sympathy so broad, That we to others may that comfort give, Wherewith ourselves are comforted of God. Freely bestowing, as freely we receive. Our part in this blest work we fain would altars will be built up. The member-

Teach us to comfort, Lord, the hearts that

-Chris, Observer.

How to Build Up a Church.

special effort in that particular direc-Many pastors and laymen are anxious to build up the particular church to which they belong and in which they see their principal field of labor. There is much labor devoted to this end which avails little. After all their toil and sacrifices many Christians ex perience the mortification of seeing the church no stronger, no larger than t was years ago. One reason of this failure is found in the unbounded de. pendence placed on the preacher. Too many congregations make a mistake n looking altogether to the pastor. They fix their minds on a certain man whom they would have for a pastor and make themselves believe that the rise or fall of religion in the community depends on the appointment of that particular man. If they fail to secure liever of today would act differently him they show plainly that their hope of prosperity is gone, and their dis content and despair discourage the man who happens to be sent. If they succeed in their attempt the preacher who fills the pulpit is expected to draw a congregation, to increase of Christianity both historical and the financial strength of the church, experimental, have been accumulating to win souls, and to do everything. Usually this expectation is disappoint- | Christians had no evidence of either

If the church is to be build up it Saviour to realize the influence of must be done by the people and pastor | His life and the sign ficance of His together. Looking to some one else death and resurrection in relation to usually brings disappointment and the world and mankind. We are vexation. No outside helper can come living in an age sufficiently removed in and build up a church. Evangelists from that time to see the good and may often be useful. Substantial aid enduring effects in the Gospel upon may be had from a neighboring or those who embrace it in faith, and visiting minister or layman. But indirectly upon all within the sphere these helps are temporary, and when of its uplifting influence. depended on to build up the church | We are impressed with the lack they prove unavailing. The best they of courage and loyalty on the part of can do is to awaken interest and give the disciples when we read how they the work a start. When Jerusalem greeted the Saviour upon his triumlay waste and desolate Nehemiah did phal en try into Jerusalem, and how, the work themselves it would never may be, they must build up their own | days, while faith has always stood t e church or it will never be done.

When a church is to be built up God's way .- United Presbyterian. emphasis must be placed on the spiritnal department of the work. A church needs to be strong financially. Some men see this need alone. They c n- Ye, there are lots of them. Poor b cause he profer ed to trample on his sider the financial condition of the spiritually, we mean. Christians who Father's h art and murder mer. y. church the chief thing. The strength live beneath their privilege, and have of the church is measured by the leanness of soul, when they might be strength of its finances. This is an fat, healthy, and strong, if t'ey only their minds and hearts on the improve- of Life by faith.

Christians who are weaklings be- saints It is a cry of alarm. It is a church first. This is contrary to the cause they do not exercise themselves call to epentance, If sinners are not divine order and can never permanent, in doing the work of the Lord and the brought to Christ, h w can they be ly succeed. It is true that if we seek church.

sion in the skies, simply becau e avar- ishing, lost souls! Men of God, But it is not true that if we seek fir-t; the financial improvement of the ice and selfishness bind them down to . throw out the life-line !"-Dr. Herchurch all other things will be added. the possessions and ambitions of this rick Johnson. In a certain congregation a great ado world.

was made over the advent of a wealthy Christians who subsist on the husks family. Efforts to show the members that the swine e.t. when they might ! of this family a cordial welcome and be feasting on the rich spiritual viands which are so abundant in F ther's painfully conspicuous. This would

not have been wrong if the people had ingmen and the poor who lived in the community. But they did not. When there are so many poor Christians is the Bible and praye ful devotion, he the chief emphasis is piaced on the because the Lord had such poor rises at two o'clock in the morning. financial prosperity of the church the

ever, that the chief reason is, so many many an opportunity for pointing the Christians live beneath their privilege | wayward back to the cross, and some--hang on to forbidden things and for- times of exhorting cold-hearted Chrisbidden ways while trying to serve the tians upward to sunlight heights of Lord. They want to get to heaven holy living and heavenly happiness. when they die, but at the least pos- He is a happy man. You may be so lose it for the sake of the kingdom of sible sacrifice of the gratification of too. Re igion is no a curningly devis

that heaven is a place to get into after love, lorging to make you happy. death, without any liking for, or Believe Him now. Do like that early a aptation to its soc ety and regula- rising ergineer—take time to be reliclans according to social affinities and must be love for the great, holy, every day. Talk to God every hour righteous, benevolent Being who fills in the day. Believe what He says. hood will be strengthened. When the Holy Spirit fills the hear all prehonesty, and charity which God loves, give up until they are converted .- F. judice is burned up. This Spirit if we would get to heaven when we W. Robertson made the early Christians one in heart and soul. Nothing else can melt the

In other words, the spirit of the kingdom of heaven must be domesticated in our hear s while in this world, or for us there will be no heaven in all God's universe when we die.-Ral.

Every Day Folks.

BY THE REV. G. G. MOSHER.

The best peop'e in the world are every-day folks. They are make for tion. And best of all sinners will be every-day we r and can be depended upon every day in the year. They will not be without their eccentricities or little foibles. The Quaker said to his friend, "Everybody is queer but me and thee, and sometimes thee is a trifle peculiar." But in spite of personal peculiarities the every-day man or woman can be depended upon and trusted. They do not allow moods to affect the'r friendships, nor a spell of weather to interfere with their spiritual prospects. There are some people who are very good but they are good in spots, spasmodic and intermittent in their goodness. When they are good they are very good; when they are cross they are terrible. Y. u are never quite sure where you will find such folks; you have to cruise around them a good while each trip before you dare to tie to them. Every day folks are diff rent; you always know where to find them. Every day folks are about the same the seasons round and the year through. They are rarely in states of ecstatic rhapsody, and never in the depths of despondency. They do not live so very high up on the mountain and they never go down into the valley for a vacation. Thy dwell on the broad tableland of Christian usefulness, where the air is pure and tracing and the climate equable and healthful. God b'ess the every day folks and mightly increase their tribe! On earth they are the salt that they will wear the brightest crowns and have the richest rewards of eternity .- The S'ar,

The Sermon That Is After a Soul. The sermon that is after a soul is, like the Master, "filled with compas not depend on outside help to build soon afterward, they all forscok Him sion." It will have in it what was in the walls. However friendly other and fled. Those who deserted Him Christ's eyes when he looked on Pe er br nehial tube that the germ of conpeople might be to the enterprise, in time of danger had s en His mira- with the curses and denials scarce off sumption finds lodgement and breeds. they could not do the work. The cles and lacked no evidences that the that poor di ciple's lips. It will have Jews themselves must build the walls natural eye could receive that Jesus in it what was in Christ's voice when and restore the city. They were was the Christ. But upon the advent he s'ord veering over Jerusalew, any good. It should be dispensed weak, discouraged, cowardly. But of the Holy Spirit, when their spirit- and said, "How oft would I have with promptly. Adamson's Botanic they were all the intrepid leader c uld ual eyes were opened they saw Jesus gathered thy children together as a depend on, so far as human agency in His true character, believed on hen gathereth her broad under her was concerned. If they did not do Him, and many of them died for Him. | wings and ye would not." The sever-When we are tempted to complain e t rebuke will get its just severity soothes the irritated parts and heals be done. The same is true of every because we cannot see the objects of from this dep undertone of divine them, then the cough stops of its own church. No matter how weak, how our belief, let us remember that sight compassion. And wether it be waradiscouraged, how fearful the members proved to be insufficient in the early ing or entraty, command or invitation for curing a cough. tion, the terrors of the law or the for- Every druggist has it. 25 cents. Be givene's of the gospel, the pathos of a sure o get the genuine, which has 'F. test and always will, because it is suffering and besecching and pursui g love will bathe it all, and make it clear that if the sermon does not b ing the prodigal home it will be

B eth en of the ministry, what are sermons to "the time" compared with sermons to the e emities? Sermons error. Those who think thus will set would freely appropriate of the Bread of i struction are, indeed, priceless. But the gospel i not simply food for Martin.

bult up in Chr st ? Let it never be Christians who do not feast on the forgo ten that souls are before us! of the worldly and the carnal in our church all other things will be added. joys of a blessed assurance of a mas- every abbath, -sinful unsaved, per-; hearts, out of sin and ignorance, weak-

Take Time to Serve God-

It is said of a certain railway engi-That is one reas n. We think, how- without effort or affectation, he finds Presbyterian. the passions and appetites of the flesh. | ed fable. Our Redeemer is mighty to Their great mistake is in supposing save, sring to delver, limitless in tions. To be happy in heaven, there gious. Read and study your Bible all the place. Hence, there must be Do what He tells you to do. Get the wh le in this life, an honest turning bap ism of the Holy Spirit. Join the from all the dishonesty, lust, and self- forward movement for a million conishness which God hates, and an in- verts for Christ. Put at least ten augurating and cultivation in the soul | names upon your prayer list. Lay of a love for truth, righteousness, them on the altar for God. Do not

Self-Sacrifice.

Self-sacrifice is at the end of all the blossoms of goodness that have survived the wrick of paradise. There never was a heart but had gleams of it. Shining at times 10 some royal natures diffusive as the light of the day without clouds, there is yet no life so dark and c'oudy but it sends a golden sh ft through some opening rift. To be great hearte, for the love we bear to our Master, and in imitation of Him, is the ideal Christianity, for it is the religion of Him whose life and death were self-sacr fice. If we are to follow, we must, like Him bear a cro s. It has been so from the beginning. Call the dead roll of the world's worries - its prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints, the greatest teachers of mankind, the architects of our lib rties, the heroes in large bottles for the small price of of civilization, the ministering angels who have blessed the poor, the sick, the dying, the helpless. Has not the measure of their goodness been that of self-denial? They have suffered that others might suffer less; they have died for the truth that others might live; they have defended human rights by enduring unspeakable wrongs, the tears and blood. Love, like the fabled bird, pierces is own bosom to feed its loved ones. Is not heaven itself to be reached through death? The blessed one entered not into His glory until he had been crucified. The leaders of mankind have had to treat a blackened and scorched path of sufferi g. White robes of earthly saintship, like those of heaven, are only gained through much tribulation. Everything gold costs selfdenial.-J. D. Geikie.

If You Catch Cold.

Many things may happen when you catch cold, but the thing that usually happens first is a cough. An savors many a sad spot : in heaven inflammation starts up in the bronchial tubes or in the throat, and the discharge of mucous from the head constantly poisons this. Then the very contraction of the throat muscles in the act of coughing helps to irritate so that the more you cough the more you have to cough. It is, of course, beyond question that in many cases the irritation started in this way results in lung troubles that are called by serious names. It is in this irritated

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There is a commission to every one who believes. It is to make known to others the grace of the Lord Jesus. This imposes an obligation to be faith-

plexities about the future. -Sir T. , with it ,

Climbing.

Christian life is always an ascent. It is a daily climb out of the past, out ness and littleness, up into the life and light and love of God The true manhood comes both by the renunciation and the upward toil. Strength comes day by day, and courage in. creases and faith grows into patience and flowers into the assurance of hope. neer that his duties call him at a very There are bright and happy things early bour - three o'clock in the morn- on the hills for patient soul-climbers. Yes, there are many, many poor ing. He is a Christian, and knowing They are above the mists and clouds Caristians! What a pity! Dr. John | full well that soul life must utterly of unbelief, above the storms of earth G. Holland said, "The reason why perish without reading and study of in the perpetual sunshine of the light of God's countenance. There is a wider view, a sweeter air, and then m sterial out of which to make them." More than that, led of the Holy Spirit, a rest that is everlasting. - Central

Going Nowhere.

It was Johnny, the seven-year-old who tired of the "merry-go round. The previous summer it had fascinated him, and he could not ride on it too often. This season a single trip satisfied him, and he declined another. "No, thank you, grandfather," he said in his quaintly polite way. "You see we ride and ride, but we stay under that old tent all the time. guess, when anybody gets to be seven years old, they're too big to care about going and going that doesn't get any-"Now may the boy hold fast to his

visdom!" commented the grandfather, relating the incident.—Wellspring.

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