

With God.

Where do they gather Who see the Father, When breaks the morning After their sleep?

Where are our near ones, Ever the dear ones, Who passed and left us So lonesome here?

Why do we wonder And doubt and ponder? Why should our faith become Feeble and dim?

Who trusts Christ truly Mourns not unduly Even the absent ones, Questioning, Where? Christ has directed them.

-Marianne Farningham.

Missionary Leadership.

The minister is the natural leader. It is for him to instruct the people whom he serves in this as in all else that relates to life and godliness.

The leader to be effective must be intelligent. He should be able to point the opposer or the ignorant inquirer to the chapter and verse in which the claims of missions are set forth.

The missionary leader should be hopeful. If there is latent skepticism in his own heart, he cannot inspire others. He may be able to secure an offering, but what he does will be done in a perfunctory manner.

sent it. The men and women engaged are not laboring in vain. The money invested is not wasted.

Once more: he needs to be courageous. Some may sleep at first; others may remain away; others still may refuse to respond. What then? This: Let the minister determine with God's help to win the victory.

The churches that give most liberally are those that are blessed with competent leadership. Such ministers would get worthy offerings anywhere.

Burdens That Bear Us Up.

To-day I visited in a hospital a young girl who had just submitted to the amputation of a limb. She told me that when she first learned she must lose the limb, it almost killed her.

This is a set as well worth learning, for it changes all trial, pain and sorrow for him who has it. There are in everyone's lot many experiences which are not easy, many of which try the spirit.

But when the hard and trying experience is accepted, the bitterness is taken out of it. It was this that sweetened the cup of Gethsemane for the master. A study of his prayers that night shows the movement of his heart toward peace.

So it will be in every phase of life which has in its uncongeniality hardship, repulsiveness, pain or cost for us; we can get the victory over it by coming to it with an acquiescent mind.

begins to yearn to help them. Then the repulsiveness is gone.

A duty is distasteful. We think we cannot do it, it is so uncongenial. We remember then that the Master has set the task for us and at once it is transformed.

We face self-denials and sacrifices which it seems to us we can never make. As we think of them, however, we realize that Christ is calling us to enter a little way with him into his own experience of suffering.

We come up to the edge of a great sorrow. It seems our heart will break. As we pray, however, our will sinks in o God's will and we have peace.

The old legend says that when the wings were brought and laid on them, the birds complained at being compelled to carry the burden. But when they had accepted them, lo, their burdens, which they so dreaded, lifted them.

Is Hell Preached Enough?

Certainly hell is not preached. The love of God is preached. The glories of heaven are preached. The comforts of our religion in sorrow and pain and failure are preached.

And yet it should be preached. Because, in the first place, hell exists. The testimony of our Lord should be sufficient on this point. It is reinforced, however, though reinforcement is not needed, by all the evidence of our reason and observation.

In the second place, hell should be preached because millions are going there. The world is growing better all the time, but it is still fearfully wicked, and no one can look abroad over it with the thought of eternity in his heart.

In the third place, hell should be preached because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The love of God is the end of wisdom; fear must come first.

In the fourth place, even Christians need to be reminded of the peril of hell. We need to see the pit whence we were dug. We need put more spirit in our daily prayer.

Finally, the church will flourish only in proportion as men are brought to a deep conviction of the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The appeal should not be: "The church needs you. See how much good you might do in the church."

We are not advocating a return to the preaching of Jonathan Edwards, though there was much salt in that. We do not care to have men swooning in our churches, and women half-frantic with fear. But we do urge a

preaching of hell in the same measure in which Christ preached it, and in the same manner he used. Soften the dread doctrine with the hope and assurances of the Gospel. Thrive across the very mouth of hell a ray from the cross. But do not expect to win sinners till you have preached the whole truth, and testified, as soundly as our Saviour testified, to that terrible alternative, the place "where their worm dieth not, and their fire is not quenched."

Sensitive to Sights.

"The only person in this world who is never disappointed is the one who is on the lookout for slight," once wrote a good-natured cynic.

If one has a disposition to see sights, that alone is reason enough for an unhappy life. In the long run we are apt to get our deserts in this world. If we are intelligent and make the most of our opportunities, we will win social recognition; if we are dull and indifferent, we will be dropped from sight.

If you have any degree of super-sensitiveness, get rid of it at all cost. Call it by its right name—morbidness, foolishness. Don't flatter yourself that you are made of finer clay than other people and feel more deeply than others do.

But are there not real sights sometimes? Possibly—let us admit it with hesitation; but they are not worth a pang. Recall the oft-quoted words of the wife of the Vicar of Wakefield to her daughters: "Hold up your heads, girls. Handsome is that handsome does!"

A Prayer for the Times.

When the present blind chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. W. H. Milburn, was chaplain of the House of Representatives, he once offered the following prayer, which it seems to us should be repeated quite frequently all over this country: "We beseech thee, Almighty God, help the people of this country to learn that money gained otherwise than as thou commandest—by the sweat of the face, as the fair and honest wage of honorable, manly work of brain or hand—is gained by theft, no matter how we named the stealing; that money is never converted into wealth unless it ceases to be the pander of our lusts and lifts us above the level of the animal."

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hearts draw in evil spirits, as a vacuum draws in air. To be occupied with good is the best defence against the inroads of evil.—William Arnot.

Heaven is as present now as ever it will be. God is here in his magnificence to-day, as he is in the courts of the angels. We must not dream of postponing our heaven. We must prepare to enter in now by loyal service of God every instant.—W. H. Channing.

THE EVIL of sin ought to be taught with plainness and emphasis. It is a theme which is too much neglected at the present day. Conviction of sin leads men to seek the Saviour. If one does not feel his guilt, why should he seek forgiveness? The great means of reaching conviction is a view of Christ and him crucified. That he should come from heaven to suffer and die for us proves the evil and danger of sin.

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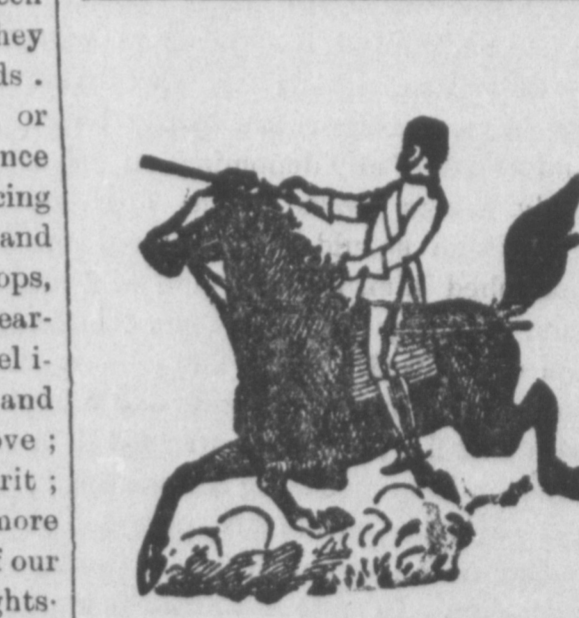
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