

The Christian Life.

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD.

"Make room for God." Ring out the urgent message
 Loud through the land, and clear in every heart
 What though it means an absolute surrender
 Of that from which we thought we ne'er could part?

What though it means the yielding of earth's treasures,
 Things which are fair, yet very quickly fade?
 'Tis to the empty heart the Master cometh,
 'Tis in the weak His strength is perfect made.

Look up and see the glory of the God-head
 Elash in the face of Jesus Christ thy Lord,
 Canst thou not trust Him to fulfil thy longing?
 He giveth joy the world can ne'er afford.

Open the door to Him who ever knocketh,
 Waiting and hoping—coveting His own.
 Yea! He's thy King, then bow thee and adore Him,
 Welcome His rule within thee—His alone.

Make room for God. Stand still and view the wonders
 He waits to work within thy restless soul,
 See how His light, the darkness overcoming,
 Shines through thy life, illuminates the whole.

Make room for Him, the Holy One so mighty,
 That e'en to thee He now can freely give
 Of that deep love which drew Him from high heaven
 Down to this earth, that men through Him might live.

Would'st thou be victor 'mid the battle's raging?
 Would'st thou be kept in trials great and small?
 Would'st do God service which will stand the fire?
 Make room for Him. Let Him be all in all.

—South African Pioneer.

CERTAINTIES IN RELIGION.

Cunningly devised fables have been common in all ages. One might mention more than a score which are very popular in our own time, whereby thousands have been led astray. There are men and women who pretend to know and teach many wonderful things about the unseen world, whose doctrines are utterly without foundation. Some men profess to believe that all religion is without foundation in truth, and unworthy of the respect and confidence of intelligent people. They contrast religion with science, reminding us of the certainties of science which have worked themselves out into such material inventions and improvements as the steamship, the steam locomotive, the electric telegraph, and the electric car.

We believe in science and rejoice in the achievements of modern science. We are more indebted to science than

we can tell for the progress of the race during the last century. But we do not forget that all is not science that is called science, as all is not religion that is called religion. Books which were written on scientific subjects less than fifty years ago by eminent students of science contained many cunningly devised fables which have been long since explored. We must be on our guard against cunningly devised fables, whether in religion or science, history or philosophy.

But are there any certainties in religion? In the midst of so much discussion, division of opinion, fanaticism and superstition, is there anything that has been established? Is the Christian groping his way amid the fogs of doubt and uncertainty, like a traveller lost in the mountains and covered with darkness?

The Christian knows God. Is there a God? Some men answer in the negative, as though they had explored the universe in all its length and breadth, height and depth, and discovered that there is nowhere any manifestation of a Creator or Supreme Ruler. Others confess that they do not know, and go so far as to contend that no one can know whether there be a God or no. Others still believe that there is a God, but they are not fully persuaded. They believe with some mixture of unbelief.

But the Christian does not doubt. He believes, he knows that there is a God, and, what is more, he knows God. There is a difference between knowing much about the President of the United States and knowing the President of the United States. One may know much about him from reading the newspapers and hearing what others say about him. But to know him one must come into his presence, come in touch with him, and feel the impress of his thought and life. The Bible teaches that men may know God. The patriarchs and prophets knew him. In the New Testament we find him drawing nearer. It is written: "This is the covenant that I will make with them in that day, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts, * * * and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, * * * saying, Know the Lord; for all of them shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them." It is not now as it was in the old time, when only great leaders like Abraham and Moses and Samuel knew the Lord and became his messengers to teach others. Now "all of them, from the least of them to the greatest," may know God for himself. There is a remarkable passage in the gospel of John. It occurs in an address which Jesus presents to his Father, saying, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." Doubtless there are depths of meaning in these words which we cannot fathom, but one thing is clear: They teach us that men may know God. They cannot know him perfectly. "We know in part." We cannot know him as he knows us. But we may know him personally. It is a great privilege to know something about God, but it is a greater blessing to come into his presence, to come in touch with him, to feel the touch of his Spirit on our spirits and his love flowing into our hearts.

Does our faith in God rest on what we have read and heard about him, or have we a personal and experimental

knowledge? The faith that rests on personal and conscious communion with God is a faith that cannot be shaken. The Christian may not know science, or philosophy, or Greek, or Hebrew, but he does know God.

The Christian knows that his sins are pardoned and that he is born of God. He is conscious that he has received a new life. The old life was a life of selfishness, worldliness, and sin. He no longer lives this old life. He needs no one to tell him that he has passed from death unto life. He has the witness in himself. God has come to him, has spoken to him, has entered into his heart and abides there. Old things have passed away. All things have become new. Does he really know these things, or is this a mere fancy? He knows. The life of the soul is as real as the life of the body. Did the blind man know when his sight was restored? "One thing I know," said he, "that whereas I was blind, now I see." It is as clear to the Christian that he was once blind to the highest and best things—but he sees. The eyes of his understanding are opened. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." He has a new heart, new affections, new desires, a new conscience, a new will. He loves God. He loves his neighbor. He loves his enemies. This is not a dream. Love is something real. Peace is a certainty. Hope is a matter of experience. Is there not as much certainty about the life of the spirit as there is about the life of the body? The inner life of God is as real as the outer life, and far more valuable than all the gold and silver, all the honors and pleasures of the outer world. "We know that we have passed from death unto life."

The Christian knows that God answers prayer. Does Marconi know that his system of wireless telegraphy will work? He knows it, not only because of ascertained principles of science, but chiefly because he has sent a message and received an answer. So the Christian knows that God will answer prayer, because he has received answers to his prayers. Let sceptics sneer, let proud philosophers boast of prayer tests. He is not disturbed. His faith rests on personal experience.

The Christian knows that others have been renewed in the spirit of their minds and in the tenor of their lives by the gospel of Christ. The facts of Christianity are verified, not only by his experience, but also by his observation. Drunkards have been made sober, gamblers have become honest, the depraved have become holy through the gospel of Christ. These transformations and regenerations have taken place by thousands. There is a cloud of witnesses.

The Christian knows that the effects of the gospel on individuals, on families and on communities have been uniformly good and wholesome. When was anyone made worse by becoming a Christian? What family was ever harmed by the gospel? Did ever the Bible and the knowledge of God bring intemperance, dishonesty, cruelty and poverty into any community? Nay, but the Bible is the sovereign remedy for intemperance, poverty, ignorance, oppression and crime. This is more than a theory. It is a fact as well attested by history as any historical fact in the world.

The Christian knows that the religion of Christ affords comfort and hope in the hour of death. He knows that he has a home in heaven. He has tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come. He knows that if this earthly house of his tabernacle shall be destroyed, he has a building of

God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Since these things are so, what need is there that any should walk in darkness?—Christian Advocate.

A FIELD OF LABOR.

Many Christians say they are willing to work for God, but they can find nothing to do. This is a lame excuse. While a great battle was being fought a general who had just brought his command to the field, rode up to General Sheridan and asked him where he should take his force. "Go in anywhere," said the impetuous leader, "there is good fighting all along the line." A similar reply may be made to those who ask what they shall do for the kingdom of God. Let them go in anywhere. There is work to be done in the Sunday-school, in the Epworth League, in the prayer-meeting, in the class meeting, in the homes of the people, among the multitudes who never enter a church. Wherever Satan lifts up his head smite with prayer and song and testimony and the Word of God. No matter how mighty the foe. Fear not to strike. David was not afraid to fight with a giant, because he went forth in the name of the Lord. If you want a field of labor, you can find it anywhere.

One of the Vilest Diseases

Is catarrh which first attacks the nose and throat and finally spreads all through the system. The one sure cure is fragrant healing Catarrhazone which is sent by the air you breathe direct to the root of the trouble. Mr. T. V. MacVicar, of Yarmouth, suffered for years from catarrh and says, "In my long experience with this loathsome disease I never used any remedy that relieved and cured so promptly as Catarrhazone. When my nostrils were so stuffed up that I couldn't breathe I found a few inhalations of Catarrhazone was sufficient to clear away the mucus. I am perfectly cured by Catarrhazone and free from the disease." Use only Catarrhazone. Complete outfit \$1.00; trial size 25c.

Anything that ruffles the mind and soul tends to impair human usefulness. To be easily worried, disappointed, discouraged, is a most unfortunate disposition for a worker. We should try to keep the spirit as undisturbed by adverse little things as possible.

Tearing Down Signals does not delay storms. Opium-laden "medicines" may check coughing, but the cold stays. Do not trifle; when you begin to cough take Allen's Lung Balsam, free from opium, full of healing power.

One may do many and large things, or few and little things—that is not the vital question. The vital question is: How does one do what he does do?

Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

When one soul cannot help another it is time to ring for the ambulances for both.

Suffer no More.—There are thousands who live miserable lives because dyspepsia dulls the faculties and shadows existence with the cloud of depression. One way to dispel the vapors that beset the victims of this disorder is to order them a course of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are among the best vegetable pills known, being easy to take and are most efficacious in their action. A trial of them will prove this.