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Often I saw him reading portions of the New Testament to his companions. He distributed also all the tracts which I possessed; and I am sure that his conduct, in which prudence and firmness were equally blended, must have had a beneficial effect on those around him.

Does not seem wonderful that Saul, born and living at Tarsus, among heathen, where the famous literature was full of falsehood and depravity, should yet have kept in the strict and strict way of his Jewish forefathers? Instead of learning the marvellous stories of the Greek and Roman gods, he read in the old Testament the accounts of his own nation—God's chosen people—and studied the Law "given by Moses until his outward life seemed almost without blemish. But ah!—how much was wanting even then!—something which his Jewish parents, their strict morals could not teach him: something which he needed as much as did the heathen of his native city: something which he found when he was on his way toward Damascus,—"suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven," and he saw the sinfulness of

we proved to cutting words or irritating remarks. One look from the gentle all-forgiving Jesus was enough to seal the lip and to smooth the rufous brow. Are we ever tempted to keep bargain over-reachings in business? Selfishness says, "It is all fair—others do it—it is the custom of trade." But what will the pure and holy Jesus say? How will our account-books look to Him when He "audits" them? And so on through all the calendar of duties and the circle of temptations. With my Saviour beside me, I will dare to play the coward, or the cheat, or the trifler, or the sensualist, or the trickster?

Nowhere will Christ's presence be more cheering and sustaining than in the weariness of a room, or under the silent shadow of a great bereavement. "Christ comes to me in the watches of night," said the bed-ridden saint ALBERT

heart to her than the outward conduct of Job might seem to indicate. It was that confidence which sustained her from first to last. It was that confidence which carried her, over all obstructions thrown successively before her, to that confidence which sharpened her wit, gave her courage to snatch out of Christ's hand the weapon by which her last and greatest victory was won. It was that confidence in spite of all adverse appearances, which pleased the Lord so much—for He likes, as we all do, to be trusted in—and which drew from him the warranted expression at once of approval and affection, "O woman, great is thy faith!" It is some kind of simple trust in Jesus that we need, and in us too, if we but had it in like degree, would accomplish like blessed results. What a sentence and the sentence

but however it is not our business," and he kept on his course. His neglect has murdered them who died on the raft. Yours is much the same case, only it is worse, because you deal with mortal souls, and he only deals with bodies which he suffers to die. O my brother, I implore you before the Lord, never let sin lay at your door again; but if there is one who is impressed and needs a word of comfort, fly on the wings of mercy to such a one and help to cheer him as God enables you.

Sprague.

A writer in the *Christian Intelligencer* thinks that every congregation "now pestered with subscription system may find relief in the re-survey." He says that his own church, by twenty months ago raised \$400 a year by the

that system, now rated \$1300. He says "try it."