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ETERNAL LIFE.

It is a mistake, fatal in its tendency—for, supposing there have an existence which are spiritually blessed, they remain unconcerned in the life of God, and thus naturally no man has the right to call them the crown of God, the best gem in the crown of God, nor can it be possibly possessed except as it is especially bestowed upon us in God's right royal Son, as when He calls us brothers and the sons of God. And He bestows upon us the crown of glory and honor, this nobility; yet, this Divine sonship, eternal life in His only begotten Son, entrance into the family of God, and amid the crowned and the glorious and the royal realms. Thus this gift is not the crown of glory, but the crown which God gives in Christ to those who will come. And thus, also, it is said we shall "reign in life by One, Jesus Christ our Lord." St. Peter exhorts husbands and wives to be subject to the Divine will, as the church may be "seirs together of the grace of life." It is summing up all of Revelation, it is written

LATENT POWER.

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One of the most painful phases of the church of Christ to-day is the small proportion of its actual membership who are adding to its efficiency. Notwithstanding its numbers being greater, it has public sentiment being more favorable, and measures possibilities are within its reach, but a serious hindrance to its growth and influence is the disposition to leave to the few the burdens and responsibilities which belong to the whole brotherhood. There is a latent power equivalent to-day. The formulas of Christianity are more popular than its stern and constant duties. Nothing is so cheap as religious talk, nothing so easily grasped as the promise of blessing. The lips are often uttered with ease what may be interpreted in the life only at the price of agony. In order

Christ and his high, unconquerable principles more to-day than they did 2,000 years ago. For this reason Christians suffer so little with Christ now-a-days, they don't stand to those principles as they did in those old times. Let us not be so afraid of the world as the Bible, let it's light shine through them. Let us get away from their communion everything which Christ does not approve, and what a cry will be raised against them by the ungodly, who will outside and inside, will be so full of batteries which are now silent would be trained and opened upon them! It would make men, and practices, and schemes, and whole interlocking systems, and intolerable, which are now respectable. Let us be so full of the spirit, the Christ-power, as those really are who are thrown by our churches as by a burning fire through this city, and you would find the

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Let us then be truly as little children, willing to learn of Jesus. Let us continually study his word and providence, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." Let it be the great purpose of our lives to know the will of God through all the world the knowledge of our Redeemer's character and gospel, thus becoming members of the Gentiles in faith and virtue. Let us be obedient to the Father's will and authority in all parts of the world, are, like them of Jericho, destined to "fall down flat." What

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With no selfish fear to bind me 'neath its withering
stern control ;
and a conscience bearing witness that where duty
led the way,
My highest happiness has been to follow and obey.
Let me die as should the Christian, when the weary
rests at our
feet the calm, confiding trust which leads to you,
eternal shore,
and the faith which like an anchor firmly fastened
to the skies
ears the spirit up and onward, till it grasps the
heavenly prize.

The great Lord of pilgrims has taken care that in
the hardest parts of our road to the Celestial City
there should be blessed resting places, where, be-
neath the shade of promises, weary ones may re-
fresh themselves in the shade of love. God's hospice may
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