RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Thy Love to Me.

Thy love to me, O Christ, Thy love to me, Not mine to Thee, I plead, Not mine to Thee! This is my comfort strong, This is my only song, Thy love to me.

Thy record I believe, Thy word to me. Thy love I now receive, Full, changeless, free. Love from the sinless Son, Love to the sinful one, Thy love to me.

Immortal love of Thine, Thy sacrifice, Infinite need of mine Only supplies. Streams of divinest power Flow hour by hour, Thy love to me.

Let me more clearly trace Thy love to me. See, in the Father's face, His love to Thee. Know as He loves the Son, So dost Thou love Thine own, Thy love to me. -Independent.

Success.

Success in Christian work is not always to be measured by visible results; but on the other hand absence of visible results is a very poor sign of real success. Browning it is true makes Rabbi Ben Ezra say:

"For thence—a paradox Which comforts while it mocks. Shall life succeed in that it seems to fail?

That I aspired to be And was not, comforts me;

A brute I might have been, but would not sink in the scale.

He however is speaking of personal ourselves. -Standard. character-building, not to success or failure in one's efforts for others. That we have struggled manfully to overcome our easily besetting sins and have failed, is no proof that the struggle has been in vain. We have kept ourselves at least from sinking into lower depths. Nay the struggle itself has brought to us some new increment of strength by which ultimately we shall overcome. So far as our own characters are concerned life may succeed in that it seems to fail.

(2) The preciousness of faith lies blood of Christ alone, it would have would not deny her Lord, and in the truth attractive to great multitudes also in its protection from deadly ad- been, indeed, surprising had she not stammering utterances thanked Him of unregenerate men and women, why versaries. We read of the "shield of been "perfectly calm," upheld as she for the food before them. There was must 1 content myself in proclaiming faith," but it has been well said that then was by the strong arm of him no jest uttered, and the meal was it to a few who have already passed eaten in silence. Christ is the actual shield, and faith is who hath said to' every believer : from nature's darkness into God's An hour later and the team was

only the grasping arm which holds it "When thou passest through the up before us. A false faith inspires a waters, I will be with thee; and brought, and the man turned their false security. Right there lies the through the rivers, they shall not heads toward home. After they had awful danger of many in our congrega- overflow thee.' tions. They are trusting in their own

morality, or in their good associations. or perhaps in the popular delusion of a second probation after death. Christ is the actual Protector. His presence barricades my heart from the assaults of the Tempter. His strength is made perfect in and for our weakness.

(3) Precious is this Christ-faith also, because it imparts power. As a principle of action throughout all human history, | may be. faith has been the inspiration of progress. The human mind is at its best and strongest when under this inspiration, whether it be elevating Galliloe's nace, or trailing Morse's and Field's The moment that the man with the withered arm exercised faith in Christ, yzed limb, and he lifted it. Faith cir- For whatever may be the extent of culates on this reserved strength, and his religious knowledge in other direcis not afraid to essay difficult tasks. tions, whatever may be the worth of "I can do all things through Christ his religious experience in other that strengtheneth me." Here is the phases, there is no knowledge and no

(4) What consolations too doth this whether they will forbear; but we are to remember that whether they hear or forbear is largely determined by

What trials await us during the is not the way to C----." year we may not know. To indulge he said : "Wife, I've used you mean ; gloomy forebodings concerning future but you've got the real thing, and I'm events is both irrational and un christian. Revelation points to a better going to the school-house to-night to see if I can get converted.' way, namely, to seek daily a clearer The rest of the story is short. The estimate of Christ's person, and atondays were but few before the whole ing work. Having this experience, family, including the hired help, was

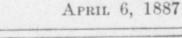
we shall be kept in "perfect peace, whatever God's will concerning us

Prof. Shedd, the profound scholar and theologian, has said : "Whoever is granted this clear, crystalline vision of the Atonement will die in peace, and pass through all the unknown transport and terror of the day of

doom with serenity and joy. It ought to be the toil and study of the believer to render his conceptions of the work of Christ more vivid, simple and vital. encouragement for young converts who experience that will stand him in such stead in those moments that try Christ ; they can calculate just as con- the soul as the experience of the pure sense of guilt quenched by the pure

The Courage of a Young Convert Rewarded.

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vices of his sanctuary attractive to the average man and woman? Are my telescope, or steering Columbus' pinmethods adapted simply to sowing the seed, or also to reaping the harvest telegraph-cable *through stormy seas. Does God work at all through methods, and what methods are usually owned of him in gathering in the sheaves? the divine power shot into that paral-Is my pastoral work all it should be, and what it should be? Is there any change that I can make in spirit, manner, or methods, that can possibly be blessed of God to my greater useful-The inefficient Sunday-school teacher may well propound to himself another, but similar, series of ques-

We are to preach and teach the morrow's sun. word whether they will hear or

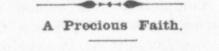
precious faith afford ! How it restores the balance between all the inequalities of life! Are you poor! Yes, but richer than Croesus with the uncount

propose to make a public confession of fidently on their Master's perpetual aid, as they can on the rising of to-

blood of Christ.'

Many however are carrying this paradox into their estimate of their endeavors for the good of others, and are taking great comfort to themselves from the persuasion that spiritual results cannot be ascertained by counting noses. No, not absolutely; still the science of numbers certainly has a large place in the proper estimate of spiritual results. The preacher who can draw to the house of God and hold under the influence of the gospel five hundred or a thousand souls, is evidently doing more good than he would were he, in proclaiming the same gospel, ministering to but fifty or a hundred. With his fifty or a hundred souls he might indeed be doing more for the world than his neighbor across the way who in a different spirit or proclaiming a different gospel has the crowd; but he is not doing as much as he would did he have | Christ" (New Revision.) it.

Now the question arises, What should the Christian worker do when confronted by the fact that his labor is comparatively barren of results? He should as already intimated flee the temptation to claim success simply because he has achieved failure. He would do well also not to take refuge in the thought that his Master toiled many years and ended his life at last in what the blind world called failure. Success consists in accomplishing one's mission. Christ Jesus came to die, the just for the unjust. He died; and so his life was a triumphant success. Nor can his life from the view point of visible results in disciple-winning be, in any sense of the term, pronounced a failure. He had made and baptised more disciples than the one to whom



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true? Am I using the right methods

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tions.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

There is a legend that a traveller over the desert who was nearly perish ing with hunger, came upon the spot where a company had lately encamped Searching about for some article of food, he found a small bag which he hoped might be a bag of dates. Opening it, he discovered that it contained shells and silver coins. Throwing it

down in bitter disappointment, he exclaimed "Alas! it is nothing bu money." A single date or a fig would have been worth more to him then than a chest-full of gold. There is a time coming to all of us, when we would gladly surrender the wealth of the whole world for what an Apostle once

called "a like precious faith." Peter was partial to this word precious; it is one of the ear-marks to establish the indentity of authorship in the two Epistles which bear his name. He speaks of the precious blood of Christ, of a precious corner-stone, or the precious trial of our faith, and o precious and exceeding great promises. Among this jewel-cluster, there is none more full of meaning than when he speaks of "them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus

Faith is confiding trust. "Ah, bu my faith was anything but precious to me," says some one, "For I trusted a man who wronged me out of thousands of dollars." Your faith, my friend, was not a wrong principle, but you bestowed it on the wrong person. His worthlessness made the trust worthless. Without mutual confidence, all the sweetest intercourse of domestic llfe, and all the operations of trade, would come to an instant halt. If faith in one another is so indispensable to the ordinary transactions of life, faith in the Divine Redeemer is indispensable of Bible-religion.

able riches of Christ. Have you met with a heavy loss ? Yes; but you open the blessed Book, and read that to you "are given precious and exceeding great promises." Suppose that you had received a letter announcing the loss of the money you were depending on for support. While you are reading it, a generous friend happens in, who observes the sadness on your face, and asks to read the letter. When he has finished it, he quietly remarks "Don't worry; I'll take care of this." Your countenance lights up in an instant. So the blessed Jesus draws up closely to the bereaved mother, and whispers "I have that precious child in My eternal keeping ; " so He says to the

disheartened minister "Go on, and sow My Gospel-seed, and I will take care of the harvest ;" yea, in all the dark trying hours, faith trims her lamp with the oil of the promises which Jesus furnisheth. Heaven is as yet only a promise; but to the believer it would not be one whit more a certainty if his feet were already in the golden streets. (5) This Christ-faith is so precious also, because it is so costly. On Christ's part it cost Gethsemane's agony and Calvary's sacrifice. On our part it costs repentance of sin, self-surrender, the denial of greedy lusts, and hard

battles with temptation. A very hot furnace is often required to make its pure gold shine ; and roaring tempests are often let loose in order to tighten the hold of its anchor.

"How shall I get this faith ?" Our answer to this question is, Exercise it ! Faith is personal connection with Jesus Christ; put yourself into connection with Him. Prayer is one way of doing this; make that connection at once. Ask Him to come into your heart and dwell there. Do the very first thing that He bids you, as He speaks through conscience. That tightens the connection. Every step you take in obedience to Him, increases the hold. An honest joining 'His Church, is only a public connection of the soul with the Saviour. His part in the blessed partnership.

mile distant had not attended, nor had any of the family, when the wife, an unemotional woman, but of rare good sense, went to the meeting one evening. Although it was the first one she had attended, she was convicted of her sins, sought the Lord, and was happily converted before the meeting closed. Her special cross now was to tell her

husband of her new experience. Reaching home she found the family had retired. Her husband arousing from

sleep, said : "You are a little late

"Yes," she said, "I have been to the meeting and I've been converted, and I want you to come with me."

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He was silent a minute or two and then said ; "Mary, you could not have done a thing that would have displeased me more. Don't ever speak of it to

me again. Come to bed." It was the most abrupt remark he had made to her in twenty years of

wedded life. But she knew his will, and not a word was spoken until the morning. She did not sleep, and silently the whole night commended his case to God. She also knew that

he was far from having a night of Farmer-like they ate breakfast by

candle light. No sooner was he seated at the table than he said : " Children, your mother says she was converted at the meeting last night, and she won't want to eat without a blessing being asked. So keep still while she asks one.

The good woman knew that the trick Cuyler. was mean, but would not deny her Lord. She asked the blessing the best she could.

There was silence during the meal. When the hired man pushed back to leave the room, the man of the house said: " My wife says she is converted, and of course she will want to read and pray before we go to work ; you better sit down." Nothing daunted,

be discouraged because it be little. The best men fall short of what they would wish to be. It is something, is much if you keep good resolutions better to-day than you did yesterday, better this year than you did last year. Strive to be perfect, but do not become downhearted so long as you are approaching nearer and nearer to the high standard at which you aim. Little by little, knowledge is gained; little by little character and reputation is achieved.

her husband a leading and worthy

official in the church of God for many

years .- Northern Christian Advocate.

Are You Gaining?

If you are gaining a little every day

be content. Are your expenses less

than your income, so that, though it be

a little, you are yet constantly accumu-

lating and growing richer every day?

Though it be little by little, the aggre-

gate of the accumulation, where no day

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prising to yourself. Solomon did not

-always reading, always studying a

little between the time of rising up in

the morning and lying down at night-

Random Readings.

I believe that we cannot live better than in seeking to become better .--Socrates.

Sin passes over the soul like smallbox over a lovely face, leaving it hideous.-Alexander Smith.

Nothing but the Infinite Pity is sufficient for the infinite pathos of human life .- John Inglesant.

Don't be a Sabbath Christian only. The devil labors 365 days in the year. -George C. Needham.

> Make me like a little child, Simple, teachable, and mild, Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might ! -John Berridge.

The way to speak and to write what shall not go out of fashion is to speak and write sincerely.-Emerson.

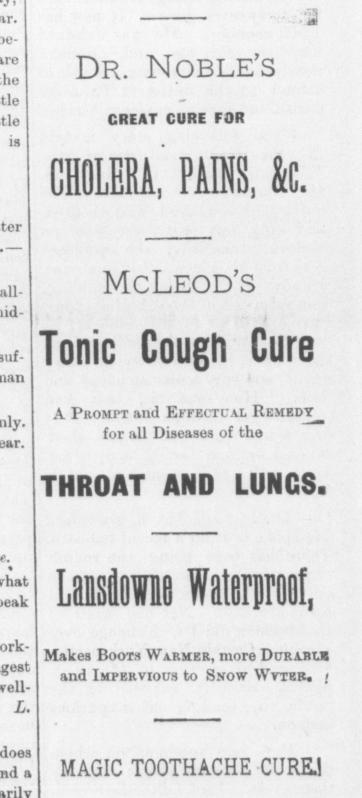
The best advertisement of a workshop is first-class work. Thestrongest attraction to Christianity is a wellmade Christian character.—T. L.

A man's heart gets cold if he does not keep it warm by living in it, and a censorious man is one who ordinarily

lives out of his own heart.-F. W Faber.

Whatever good we do we may, must ook upon it as the performance of our promise to Him. The more we do for God the more we are indebted to Him; for our efficiency is due to Him and

As snow is of itself cold, yet warms



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