

# "Not As I Will."

Blindfolded and alone I stand, With unknown thresholds on each hand; The darkness deepens as I grope, Afraid to fear, afraid to hope. Yet this one thing I learn to know Each day more surely as I go; That doors are opened, ways are made, Burdens are lifted or are laid By some great law unseen and still Unfathomed purpose to fulfill, "Not as I will "

Blindfolded and alone I wait, Loss seems too bitter, gain too late; Too heavy burdens in the load And too few helpers on the road; And joy is weak and grief is strong; And years and days so long, so long; Yet this one thing I learn to know Each day more surely as I go; That I am glad the good and ill By changeless law are ordered still, "Not as I will."

"Not as I will;" the sound grows sweet Each time my lips the words repeat. . "Not as I will;" the darkness feels More safe than light when this thought steals Like whispered voice to calm and bless All unrest and all loneliness. "Not as I will," because the One Who loved us first and best has gone Before us on the road, and still Fore us must all His love fufill "Not as we will."

### -Mrs. Helen (Fiske) Jackson.

#### Spiritual Power.

Power is not to be measured by effort-rather by the absence of effort. It is the condition of being equal to what one undertakes; and this equality of the force performing and the thing to be performed implies a certain ease and smoothness of action quite out of keeping with effort or struggle. You would not take as an illustration of power a horse struggling against a load too great for the normal exercise of his before. It was the voice of a heavenstrength, but rather a horse moving forward steadily and smoothly beneath a burden to which he is fairly equal In the one case the burden exceeds the strength put forth to carry it; in the other, the strength is equal to the de mand laid upon it in carrying the burden. The exercise of true power, equal to its task, is always accompanied by certain unconsciousness of the effort put forth. Successful work, as a rule, is marked by lack of friction. It is harder for a clumsy dabbler in clay to make the rudest vessel than for a skilled potter to shape the finest vase. A man who is not equal to his work, no matter how herculean the effort he puts forth, can never accomplish great things. This principle applies to the activities of the Christian life as well as to those of the secular life. Conscious effort is no criterion of strength. Neither does one deserve particular credit for doing Christian duty because he finds that duty hard. The most desirable and commendable condition is that in which the Christian does his work with a smooth, joyful ease-an ease which comes, not from the slightness of the task, but from the grand, whole souled devotedness with which it is performed. This is the condition of spiritual power -the soul being unconscious of the effort which it puts forth. Who can have failed to notice this sublime unconsciousness of effort in the lives of men and women of great spiritual power and activity? It is like the smiling of the sun, which clothes the world with verdure and sends floods of life pulsing through every animate thing. All potent, world-moving in fluences are silent and easeful. Their grand sweep is always without the friction and interruption of effort, always proclaiming the force which does equal to the thing which is to be done. How shall the Christian obtain thi reserve power which accomplishes with divine ease the thing to be done? It is the product of two essential factors in the spiritual life-absolute faith and absolute obedience. By absolute faith the Christian annexes his small factor of personal power, which is but instrumental at best, to the Divine power

mountains, and yet stand helpless be- reckless handling of ministerial repufore them like Mahomet, because he fails tation is one of the flagrant sins of our to obey God's method of removing times. Poisoned arrows are shot from a thousand bows. A minister's repumountains. There can be no grand. masterful power in a soul which is for- tation is his capital. It is everything. You might a hundred times better British Women's Temperance ever opposing its will to God's will. Faith can avail nothing, though it burn his home than unjustly assail his good name. As well waylay him and links man's heart to God's heart, unstab him to the heart as break down less obedience comes also, and links man's will to God's will. Here is public confidence in his integrity and where the greatest difficulty lies-the religious character. A bad man should meeting of members of this Associachief obstacle to supreme and prevail- not be excused nor shielded because he tion, and of delegates from the various ing spiritual power. It is comparative- carries the shepherd's crook. But the provincial and other branches, was ly easy to believe absolutely; but to fact that he carries the crook should held at Memorial Hall, London, on obey absolutely, in face of one's own not subject a man to unjust and malig- Tuesday evening, May 3, 1882, for the inclinations and judgments-that is the nant criticism. We plead for fair purpose of formally and publicly ex crucial thing! And yet until we pass play.

this supreme test of spiritual unity with God we cannot have the exaltation and true-blue in loyalty to their minister. after a tour for temperance work and power which characterize the truly spiritual life. As well might the speck of dust on the drive-wheel of a great him up, up. Sappose he does not just the executive committee. engine attempt, by flying away from suit you. He cannot suit everybody, the wheel, to maintain the speed and and he is an ideal pastor in the estiforce of the engine. Obedience is the prime condition of power. We must mation of a good many people who not only believe in God's wisdom and know almost as much as you do. Kind words count. Speak them often. Allove, but we must also adjust ourselves to His evident and necessary methods low no one to speak disparagingly of the minister in your presence. Give of working in the world. It is a poor the faithful man a lift every little faith which does not establish and conwhile. Talk him up. Talk him up in firm itself by obedience.-Z. Herald. the church. Talk him up in the home.

"What Aileth Thee, Hagar?" Talk him up in society. Talk him up on the street, in the shop, on the cars,

She was only a poor outcast, a hopeeverywhere. He will take courage. less woman wandering in the desert. Will preach better sermons. Will Weary with aimless travel, with food put increased enthusiasm into all his and water exhausted, and with a great multiplied duties. Will win gloriousache in her heart for the innocent boy ly. And you will have the great joy by her side, she yields to the terrible of knowing that your bracing words pressure upon body and mind, and proved a real tonic and helped the only awaits for death to relieve them dear soul to conquests he never could both of their troubles. "What aileth have achieved while struggling alone. thee Hagar?" O, the comfort of a sympathetic word when one's heart is breaking! and she had heard that voice

W. C. J. Union. OUR MOTTO.-If God be for us. who can be against us.

# Association.

WELCOME TO LADY HENRY SOMERSET. A crowded and most enthusiastic tending a welcome to Lady Henry

Christians should be outspoken and Somerset on her return to England Many are against him. They should experience in America, and for the be for him with emphasis. Many are purpose of presenting to that lady talking him down. They should talk written address from the members

> After the presenting of the address which was signed by twenty four members of the excutive Mr. Robert Rae, on behalf of the National Temperance League presented the cordial welcome of that body to her ladyship.

Lady Somerset followed in a most eloquent and impressive address, some extracts of which we subjoin:

LADY HENRY SOMERSET'S ADDRESS.

Madame President, ladies and gentlemen, and dear comrades in that society in which we are all loved as one, ] thank you from my heart for the welcome that you have given me.

To-night I return to this home circle -a home circle dearer to me perhaps than my own fireside in one sense, because I believe we are bound by ties enduring and strong which life and death cannot sever, that do not atanchor us in eternity. As I continued friends.

gutter. We have all seen so many men and women go there that I was glad to see a little of the "crather" go there too.

If I did not think that this temperance cause was Christ's cause, if I did not believe this reform and all those correlating reforms had the distinct touch of the Divine in them, I would never stand on any public platform to speak again. But I have come back more persuaded than ever that we have the great responsibility of knowing how best to act, that we need to look up and above. Let us take what God sends, even though the message be new, if it strikes us that it come from Himself as a divine gift to us."

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LAURATTA WING, New Dundee, Ont.

GUELPH GOSSIP.

DEAR SIRS, - I have been troubled for over a year with sick headache and sick stomach. Nothing did me any good until I tried B. B. B., which made a perfect cure before I had finishad the first bottle. I recommend tach us only to this world, but which it as a safe cure for headache to all my MISS ANNIE MCNULTY, Guelph, Ont. Mrs. Chas. Smith, of James Ohio, writes : I have used every remedy for sick headache I could hear of for the past fifteen years, but Carter's Little Liver Pills did me more good than all the rest. It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs n your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

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ly messenger sent of God to help her. Then the sorrowing ones of earth are known in heaven. Her name is spoken by the angel, even the name of this out-cast bondwoman. There is One who "carries our sorrows," who takes our burdens as His own. "The very hairs of your head are all numbered.'

Our heavenly Father is concerned about knowing the minutest interests of our life. Yet how good it is just t tell our troubles to a sympathetic hearer! He knows, nevertheless; He listens to our own story of trial and need; He invites our confidence. The things we cannot tell to others, the things our dearest earthly friends could neither understand nor rightly judge, we may unfold to God without reserve.

"There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given." What aileth thee? The very ques- glad and exultant spirit, said to Nation is a prophecy of help. "My God thanael : "We have found him, of shall supply all your need." He "able to do exceeding abundantly phets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the above all that we ask or think." Weeping Hagar is too blinded by her tears to see what relief God has provided. "He opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water." Look for the fountnot one desert experience remains for the Christian in which the promise is unfulfilled; "I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. I will bring the blind by a things straight. These things will I go about looking after men.-C. H. do unto them and not forsake them." WHETHERBE. But do not wait for great emergencies to drive you to God. We honor Him, not by seeking Him as a last

resort, but as our daily refuge. When Daniel knew that the decree was signed by which his life should be forfeited, he prayed three times a day, opening his window toward Jerusalem, "as he

every day, and was even unconcerned about a decree which was as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Great emerg-

When Christ began his ministry heat once went to looking after men, men who were possessed of manly traits of character-men in whom there was a bright and stirring spirit of inquiry-men who wanted to know the reason of things, and who could reason on things which were below the mere surface of visible facts. Christ wanted such men and he searched after them, as one seeks after hidden and precious treasure. And he found such men, in the persons of Andrew and Peter and Philip and James and John. And some of these found each other, as the result of the spirit of earnest inquiry. They began looking around and beyond their parrow circle to find men who were adapt ed to the great work of pushing the business of their new Master and Lord, in a line of religious enterprise, which was new to the world and above the world. Christ found Philip and Philip

Looking After Men.

-Epworth Herald.

found Nathanael. And Philip, in a whom Moses in the law and the proson of Joseph." Now, we would naturally expect that Nathanael would have received this blessed announcement without question and with great pleasure. It would seem to be a ains of refreshing right about you, for declaration which would naturally meet the felt want of Nathanael's soul at once. But he was troubled with what appeared to him to be a serious question, which was this : " Can any good thing come out of Nazareth ?" Yet he way they knew not; I will make dark. found in Christ a complete answer to ness light before them, and crooked his question, and it made him ready to

# **Communion Wine.**

The matter of obtaining non-intoxicating wine for communion service, or a suitable substitute therefor, has troubled many an officer of the shurch who has believed it wrong to tempt some of the flock by presenting at the did aforetime." He only continued Lord's table that which will awaken what he was accustomed to do. He old appetites and renew conflicts which was trying no uncertain experiment. | are unnecessary on the 'part of some He knew the Friend he talked with brethren who "have struggled hard to overcome themselves.

The juice of raisins soaked in cold water has been used by some; but it is encies? So they seems to us; but a very poor substitute, it being cloudy emergencies and surprises are unknown and insipid. Raisins are grapes dried.

my journey in that new and wider world, I have had this Association constantly in my mind, and have turned over in my thoughts all that which I thought might have hindered or in anywise done it harm.

There have been words spoken to night which will always remain in my heart. When I heard of those little children's greetings from the lips of that one who has been associated with them so long, I felt that we are but blazing a way through the forest, and as we lead our troops today we hear the muffled music of the steps that tell us that victory is following on our track. Those children are marching n their serried ranks, united by the bond of happy union, and you and I are making that way easy. We have to take every means, we have to take

every care, that the children of tomorrow shall have a better time than the children of today. As I traveled through America, from

the moment I landed, I wasre ceived by women with kindly outstretched hands, who took me to their hearts because I was the representative of a cause dear to them. I felt that it was not for me only; every woman here toiling in this great cause, all the hands that have been held out to help the little ones and lift the fallen, all the lives that have been consecrated to this cause in England, all the human throbbing in this land to-day, inspired that welcome through me.

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I went to Portland to be the guest of Neal Dow As we drove through the streets I could not help feeling that although no monument had been erected to that great father of prohibition, those clean and bright streets, the absence of liquor shops, and all that spoke for the glorious reforms he had carried through, were the best monument that could be erected to any man. They had prepared a special treat for me in Portland, for when the authorities knew that I was coming, they saved up all the liquor they had seized during three months in order that I might see it poured out, and stranger scene I never witnessed.

### Random Readings.

How much learning it takes to make things plain !- Archbishop Usher.

He who keeps away from hornets will not get stung. It is the same with bad habits.

It might be well for us to remember that it is much easier to be critical than correct.

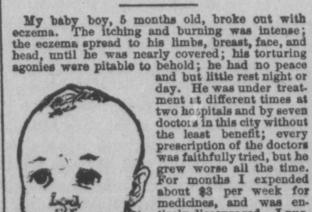
In the rest of the Christian there is stability. Nothing can shake his confidence but sin.-H. More.

No experience makes one grow old so fast as struggling to keep down the voice of conscience. No one can do this without wasting the strength of his life.—Dr. A. E. Dunning.

The fact that God created man in his own image seems to indicate that he had some high and noble service for by the divine joy, all these received him to perform, and yet how many are endeavoring to thwart that pur-



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