The Master's Touch.

MATT. 8:15,

"He touched her hand, and the fever left He touched her hand, as He only can,

With the wondrous skill of the Great phy-With the tender touch of the Son

And the fever-pain in the throbbing temples Died out with the flush on brow and

cheek, And the lips that had been so parched and burning

Trembled with thanks that she could not And the eyes where the fever light had

Looked up, by her grateful tears made And she rose and ministered in her house-

hold, She rose and ministered unto Him.

"He touched her hand and the fever left

Oh, we need His touch on our fevered hands!

The cool, still touch of the Man of Sorrews Who knows us and loves us, and under-So many a life is one long fever!

A fever of anxious suspense and care, A fever of getting, a fever of fretting, A fever of hurrying here and there. Ah! what if in winning the praise of others

done ?" If our self-sought tasks in the Master's vineyard

Yield "nothing but leaves" at the set of "He touched her hand and the fever left

Oh, blessed touch of the Man Divine! So beautiful then to arise and serve Him, When the fever is gone from your life

and mine; It may be the fever of restless serving, With heart all thirsty for love and praise, And eyes all aching and strained with yearning

Or it may be a fever of spirit anguish, Some tempest of sorrow that dies not

Till the cross at last is in meekness lifted And the head stoops low for the thorny Or it may be a fever of pain and anger,

When the wounded spirit is hard to And only the Lord can draw forth the

Left carelessly, cruelly rankling there. Whatever the fever, His touch can heal it;

Whatever the tempest, His voice can There is only joy as we seek His pleasure There is only a rest as we choose His will

And some day after life's fitful fever, I think we shall say, in the home on high, "If the hands that He touched but did His

How little it matters what else went by !

Ah, Lord! Thou knowest us altogether,

Touch Thou our hands! Let the fever And so shall we minister unto Thee!

-The Christian. (London).

The Office of Discipline.

That discipline has an office, and it all. The Holy Spirit wrought withone that is invaluable, no one who has in him with unsparing, convincing had experience in life, or who has forco. As a penitent he besought God. been a close observer, will question. He entered into new covenants with Many of the Old and New Testament | him, and as the result there was plantworthies were prepared by the severe ed in his soul another higher impulse. discipline through which they passed | The blessedness of ministry in behalf for the great work God had for them of others filled him with a strange to do.

wrote, 'Christian life is not all contemplation and prayer; it is not all muscle and sinew; it is a perfect, practicable union of the two. I believe in joyful emotions if they result in self-denying, patient work for Christ-I believe in work if it is wingaway the feeling of the cross, and to live in a fervor of devotion that constantly keeps paradise open-that is ing nothing."

discipline. Upon the Mount of Trans. figuration Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it stay here in tabernacles made by human hands "-for he knew not, as yet, that blissful experience was only "Use Not Vain Repetitions." one part of a true life; that work was

just as essential. wrought, demonstrating divine truth. tion of the necessity of work for Christ,

Ward off Disease by taking

subtle forms of selfishness may be un- says of the repetitions of modern Oriconsciously cherished. Afterward, entals: "They are obliged to repeat when that trial of his faith, which is some expressions thirty times; others isheth," had been meted out to him remarks did not apply to nominal by a Father's love, he was able to Christians in this land as well as to comprehend that the true dignity of Moslems." life on earth was in doing as well as

faithful laborers that serves to illus- upon the ears of the hearer. As a re- the poor, and thou shalt have treasure trate the sacred office of discipline. sult, the average attendance upon our in heaven, and come, follow me." It nials. He had long thought himself a true devotional meetings is exceedingly was the fact of his turning away sor-Christian because a certain inward limited and meagre. There is, there- rowful, which led Christ to say, "It is satisfaction with himself and with his fore, no more important work for our leasier for a camel to go through the surroundings had been originated in ministers as they "begin anew" after eye of a needle, than for a rich man his soul. His religion had been little the vacation season than to deter- to enter into the kingdom of God." more than fickle emotion, easily dis- minedly break up, but with the exer- It was Peter's saying, "We have turbed by any passing unpropitious cise of great wisdom and kindness, left all and followed thee," and his gale; for years he had not risen to this habit of repetition and "religious question, self-interested, if not indeed We miss at the last the King's "Well the blessedness of patient, unselfish cant." toil in Christ's vineyard; he had been constantly thinking of sermons and greatly enriched by Bible study and ing and seemingly strange assurance, ministers that would kindle enthusiasm | the presentation of larger and more in- "There is no man that hath left house, and thus bring momentary delight. spiring thought. A season of special or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or Nothing was seen of others' need, nothing was felt as to his personal re- ter and people should precede partici. sake and the gospel's but he shall responsibility. Many a time he had hailed the period usually designated the only reason that so few people are houses, and brethren, and sisters, and time to begin the "extra meetings," seen at prayer meeting is because there mothers, and children, and lands, not so much because his soul was is nothing in the services to attract with persecutions, and in the world to throbbing with deep agony for the them. We exhort our ministry who come eternal life." salvation of sinners as that he might are the leaders of our militant host to | Every example of preaching recorded enjoy for himself the pleasureable "think on these things" and to lead a in the Scripture is that practical, perexcitement. But God was merciful, reform in this matter. The spiritual suasive address to the people looking complished. Toward self-set goals in the future days. and at last brought him to a painful tone and life of our churches may cer- towards the action of the people. So and dangerous illness. He was not tainly be elevated and deepened at clearly was this the case with Paul, for friendship, too crooked for love, compelled to examine the foundations once if wise and earnest effort is made that when his audience would not of confidence. No longer could he in this direction. Use the New Testa- heed the truth, he turned away from flatter himself that all was right, be- ment more. Unfold its richer mean- them to others, as from the Jews to cause of an uninterrupted flow of ing the prayer meeting. Break it as emotion. That was now impossible the bread of life, and the hungiy souls from the nature of his trial: that had shall be fed. Then those who have given place to a distressing uncertainly as to his spiritual anxiety. Here in the fiery furnace came salvation. That "trial of his faith" was God's method of deliverance. He saw as never before that his joy-

ful emotion had not resulted in selfdenying, patient work for Christ. He was amazed to discover how his religion had been without "muscle and sinew;" how it had contained, unconsciously to himself, the pernicious elements of selfishness. For many years the cry of despair had fallen up-Each heart's sore sickness, whatever it on his ear from hearts wounded by the ills of life; but he had no Christlike word of hope to speak. The community had long been groaning beneath heavy burdens, but his hand had not once sought to remove the cause of these woes. A silent, selfish observer had he been, concerned about little but his own present comfort. He saw yearning. He was now willing to It was Mrs. Elizabeth Prentiss who forego personal comfort if he might only relieve the woes of others. It was now his choice to impart rather than to receive.

God does not chasten us willingly always he seeks our good. While in the furnace, therefore, it becomes us to wait with holy submission. No eye ed by faith and prayer." She believed may search the depths of our sorrow with Fenelon that "to be constantly save the unseen; no hand may cover in a state of enjoyment that takes the heavens with a new bow of promise but his own-so deep, and beyond human help, is our earthly discipline. But let us ever remember that nothing not dying upon the cross and becom- is so fruitful of good to ourselves as this divine tuition, so often keen and This blessed union of joyful experi- unexpected in its methods. By this ence and patient work is usually we are brought into closeness of con- livering a sermon before them," do to enlighten is as pleasing to God as brought about through God's discipline. | tact both with God and men, an | not these two expressions characterize | the answer in necessary to our sight of Here indeed is the sacred office of identification that secures for ourselves the "power of Christ" for is good for us to be here;" "let us living sympathy with others which is essential to their rescue. - Selected

This is the counsel of the great Down in the low valley of suffering Teacher to those who were known as and human woe, were the multitude the especially religious people of the waiting for the coming of the Master sacred city. He observed that in their and his disciples. There were tears to devotional exercises they made use of be dried away, mighty deeds to be certain phrases which had lost to them largely all spiritual significance. But Peter never came to a full realiza- Whedon considers the original Greek word translated "repetitions" to be as well as to know the sweet comfort derived from a word meaning "tattle' of faith in him, until he had experi- or "clatter." He says in commenting mon as a thing to be given out, and on enced the fires of discipline. In the upon the passage: "The repetitions cloud of glory upon the mount he of a fervent heart are not condemned thought but little of service; then it but the parrot-like recitation of heart- to impress people with the truth and years ago, was taken captive in the was only his wish to bathe his soul in less phrases, as if the mere saying their duty. In the other case it will will terranean by one of the corsairs waves of delicious emotion-a state of them over would be a merit." Dr.

> K. D. C. Cures Dyspepties andmakes them cholera proof threatens.

to write upon this subject as frankly sermon and of the preaching of it, in-What a lesson is here for every one. as the urgency of the situation de- stead of the duty and obligation im-How sacred the office of discipline. mands and yet not "offend any of posed by the truth. The greatest of "Our light affliction, which is but for | these little ones" or be misapprehend- | preachers preached so completely and a moment, worketh for us a far more ed by any; for it is lamentably true thoroughly to men that he allowed exceeding and eternal weight of glory," that our prayer-meetings and class- their questions to decide his topics, worketh because affliction brings us meetings to a very large degree are and the direction of his discourse. His into harmony with the activities of losing their attractiveness and edifying texts were very largely chosen for him heaven, leading us to render holy influence because of the use of vain re- by the people, or by the single inservice to others while sojourning upon | petitions. Familiar phrases—the staple | dividual. It was the question, "What We listened quite frequently to a the language of a soul at spiritual life?" which drew out the final answer, testimony from one of God's most white heat, now fall flat and dead "Sell all that thou hast and give unto

> preparation and meditation by minis- father, or children, or lands, for my pation in our social meetings. The ceive a hundred fold now in this time, been fed will bring others to share in the Gospel feasts. We are confident that the attendance at our prayermeetings for the coming months could be greatly augmented, if our ministers would but address themselves at once to this subject. As Rev. Charles Garrett, of Liverpool, Eng., was quoted as saying in our issue of last week "Why do not people go to church Why do not people gather round the fire? They do go to church and they do gather round the fire where there is

any light and heat." But the use of vain repetitions reaches further, and we desire to call attention to other of its objectionable and haimful features. There is a class of good people who, in ordinary conversation, in all places and under all circumstances, make use of certain stereotyped religious expressions and ejaculations. If they write a business letter, it begins and ends with the use of such phraseology. Written across the margin at the top of such a letter just received from a minister, relative to a matter connected with this paper, is a verse from one of the Gospels and the letter is brought to a close with a verse from one of Paul's Epistles. merchant of our acquaintance who deals largely with the ministers and laymen of our church, receiving many orders for goods by mail, often receives letters in which religious phrases to the extent of vain repetitions constitute a large part of the correspondence. We are very sure that such a does not produce the impression which that the great Teacher spoke His strong and decisive word of rebuke .-Zion's Herald.

Two Unlike Things.

two very unlike things? Is not the service, and maintains us in that spirit provided for, and the other to be honored everywhere and at all times. fought against, escaped at all hazards, as a vice which lies so near to us as to be a constantly menacing danger. The one requires careful preparation of the By seeing Jesus. message, but far more a careful preparation of the messenger. The other indwelling Comforter. puts the thought mainly on the sermon as a production, and on the delivery of it as an art. In the one case the preacher attends less to himself and his sermon, and more to the people. He is doing business with the people for God, seeks as his end to move the people to definite action. In the other case the attention is fixed on the serthe question of giving it out. The be natural to think of the sermon and

Try K. D. C. while cholera

speak together in the one case, it rigors of Mohammeden bondage. One would naturally be on the question, day an Englishman came on board the What shall we do? In the other case | vessel where he was, and talking with "more precious than of gold that per- many hundred times. Would that these it would be on the qualities of the his owner made a bargain for him, sermon and of the preaching of it.

We would be glad if it were possible almost necessarily to thinking of the of the prayer and testimony-once shall I do that I may inherit eternal we to serve him-Pittsburg Advocate.

selfish, "What shall we have there-Our devotional services ought to be fore?" which brought out the comfort-

the Gentiles.—Inquirer.

Be Not Afraid.

Fear is weakness. A timid mariner sailing upon tempestuous seas cannot make the desired haven. His mind will be so preoccupied with threatened danger, so diverted from the ship's chart and compass, that correct observations will not be possible. He is fearful when he should be calm and courageous. His companions quickly nothing to equal it. It took just three catch the same spirit when he is found wanting in this, the essential quality of competent seamanship.

It is not different with the Christian mariner. When the billows break upon him, only to produce fear and shrinking of soul, then there will be not only the inability in himself to use | until the pain was almost unbearable, the means by which the surging seas may be conquered, but all who see his timidity will be, like himself, in dan ger of speedy shipwreck.

Peter was in peril. He partially discerned his Lord, but not clearly. He was fearful, and was about to perish. Over the deep a voice, "Be not afraid," came to him. That voice was not for him only, but for the rest of the ship's company. Rather, it was a voice to the millions of all time, struggling, sinking, perishing. "Cast away fear; be not afraid, for it is I," is the one word more than any other that has given strength to this sorrowing, tempted world to overcome the adverse winds and waves.

Who will open our eyes to see this blessed Lord? our ears to hear his assuring voice? All else is of minor importance, for any mere theory without habit in ordinary business transactions the heart vision is valueless. Who will make our Master's presence real? the writer anticipates. We believe His voice a veritable revelation? The that it was against just this practice Holy Spirit will do all this. His office it is to make Jesus a living person, a mighty Saviour to every trusting soul, whatever may be the seas of trouble

It is for each one to ask for the "Preaching to the people" and "de- | Spirit's aid. A request for the Spirit Christ. That request is reasonable, one to be coveted, studied, carefully is according to God's plan of mercy, is

How may we ride life's tempestuous billows safely? By a courageous spirit. How may we have this courage?

How may we see our Lord? By the

How may we have Him as our permanent guest? By earnest, sincere, believing prayer.—Advocate.

Freedom and Love.

It cannot be too greatly emphasized that Christ has bought us that he might make us free; aud that this should draw out to him our soul's deepest affections and life's best service. natural result in the one case would be There is a story told by a man who, h haed to sweep those seas. He

will drive out thee, Use K. D.C.

the religious life in which the most Thomson, in his "Land and Book," of the preacher. If people should was sold as a slave and endured the paid the price, and bought the slave. One of the vices of candidating or of The poor captive bitterly reproached promiscuous supplies is, that it leads his purchaser: "You. a freeborn Englishman, buy me for a slave!" But the purchaser said : "I have bought you to set you free." At once the captive's sorrow was turned to joy and his reproach to gratitude; and falling at the feet of his new master, he said : "I will be your servant forever." Thenceforth nothing was too hard for him to do for a master who had bought him with a price that he might set him free. So Jesus has bought us, and so ought

Random Readings.

God's delays are not necessarily de-

There can be no hate in a Christian's

Never forget that the end of a sermon is the salvation of the people. -Mc Cheyne. Love is the central, deepest, highest

thing in life. Muscle and brain are only its servants. The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicu-

ously effective in it .- Rev. Dr. John "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall

mount up with wings as eagles.' There has never been wisdom enough

in the world to know how to help a man who does not try to help himself. Labor may be a burden and a chastisement, but it is also an honor and a

glory. Without it nothing can be ac-The road to ambition is too norrow too rugged for honesty, and too dark

I have always found that the honest truth of our own mind has a certain attraction for every other mind that loves truth honestly. - Carlyle.

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