

WHEN THE DEACON TALKED IN CHURCH.

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Christ. Mary Bright married the minister's son, and they went to Africa.

The old deacon has gone to his rest now. I wish we had more like him. Jim keeps his mother on the farm yet, but she's getting pretty feeble. You're much obliged? Oh, that's nothing. I'm glad to tell you. You see, I have two of my own boys that are in the work, one in India and the other in China, and another getting ready to go. My name? John Donald. You're laughing? Yes, I was the one who gave only five cents that day. What the old man said about putting it in the Lord's hand struck me. But I hope to give the Lord a boy or girl for every one of those five cents. Even my two youngest are talking about going already. You see the Lord said, "Go ye," so we're going. Good-bye.—Selected.

NATIVE WORKERS.

The Missionary Society of the St. John Church has chosen Paula as their African Evangelist. We know him to be a faithful worker. He is a young man, a very good student and successful soul winner. He used often to bring us new converts to be baptized whom he had won for Jesus. Eternity only will reveal the results of your efforts in supporting this worker to represent you in the dark places of the earth.

Sister Robert Barr, Fredericton, sends \$1.00 for Amosi Metula.

The Lord bless these dear ones who are taking upon themselves these new responsibilities for Jesus.

I. M. KEIRSTEAD.

THE WORLD WOULD BE THE BETTER FOR IT.

By MARK H. COBB.

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If men cared less for wealth and fame,
And less for battlefields and glory,
If writ in human hearts a name
Seemed better than in song and story,
If men, instead of nursing pride,
Would learn to hate it and abhor it,
If more relied
On Love to guide,
The world would be the better for it.

If men dealt less in stocks and lands,
And more in bonds and deeds fraternal,
If Love's work had more willing hands
To link this world with the supernal,
If men stored up Love's oil and wine,
And on bruised human hearts would
pour it,
If "yours" and "mine"
Would once combine,
The world would be the better for it.

If men were wise in little things—
Affecting less in all their dealings:
If hearts had fewer rusted strings
To isolate their kindly feelings,
If men when wrong beats down the right
Would strike together to restore it,
If right made might
In every fight,
The world would be the better for it.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Gal. 6:1.—"Brethren, if a man be overcome in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."

We have here the greatest test as to our standing before God. If we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus, and daily feeding on Him, "this mind will be in you which was in Christ Jesus," and we will be spiritual and restore our fallen brother or sister in the spirit of meekness. We will not repeat their fault or failing to others but look to God in prayer for them that they will be made "overcomers through the blood of the Lamb." Time is short, eternity is long, and the only place you and I can show the love of Christ and reflect His glory is here in this present world, and when we gaze on Calvary and see the great love there exhibited, who for? Friends? No; enemies. May we be like Jesus. At the cross we find another great example of how Jesus dealt with Peter. He had denied Jesus, cursed and swore, but the great heart of Jesus, crushed, broken and bearing there the sins of the whole world, went out to Peter, and Jesus loved Peter and as He turned and gave him a look of tender love and compassion, that look broke Peter's heart and he went out and wept bitterly. After the glorious resurrection morn Jesus meets Peter first. He sends a message direct to Him, "Go tell my disciples and Peter." Then when he meets him He did not rebuke him or heap reproaches on him. No! He gently says, "Lovest thou Me," and then commissioned Peter to feed His lambs and sheep. We who have been dug out of the horrible pit and the miry clay, should not set aside the example of Jesus and condemn or ostracise our brethren who are overtaken in a fault, for in so doing we grieve the Holy Spirit and lose the sweetness out of our soul. If we see a fault or failure let us take it to the Lord in prayer for "He is abundantly able to rectify it and if we repeat it one to another and spread evil why we are disobeying God, "For whatsoever is not of faith, is sin," and James 4:11, forbids us to speak evil. So we are hedged in by God's Holy Word. Paul tells us in Phil. 4:8 what to think on, also in Eph. 5:18-20. When we are filled with the spirit we are in union with our fellowmen. The cause of God would prosper and be owned and blest by old time power and conviction and precious blood bought souls pardoned and sanctified saints edified an hundred fold more than ever if we would when tempted to repeat or reflect on a fault of a brother or sister look to God in prayer to be made more like Jesus, compassionate, meek, gentle and lowly and it would be said of us as was said of Him, "He went about doing good."

J. B.

SPIRITUAL FAILURE.

You may have a fine watch, in a gold case. You can set it every night and every morning; you can turn the hands, and even make the wheels go round, but it won't run and keep time if the mainspring is out!

You can make a fair Christian profession, be regular in your religious duties, say prayers and appear righteous unto

men, but lacking the motive power of divine love, shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit, your Christianity is a dead failure! A form of godliness without the power for Christian living is compared to a tree without fruit, a lamp without oil, a well without water, salt without savor, a cloud without raindrops.—Sel.

APPRECIATION.

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I. F. KEIRSTEAD AND WIFE.

IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force:
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
And we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should,
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we loathe the sin;
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.
—Rudyard Kipling.

HOW TO RAISE THE MONEY.

The business of the Church is to spread the gospel of full salvation both at home and abroad. This cannot be done without money. What arrangement did God make to get the money? Here are a number of methods all of which we have seen tried with varying degrees of success.

1. The Haphazard Method: Loose change as the members chance to have it.
2. The Gushy Method: When feelings are moved by special appeal.
3. The Merchandise Method: Oysters, ice cream, fancywork, theatricals, the lottery.
4. The Corkscrew Method: Deacons or stewards waylaying unwilling members and extracting various amounts in any way possible.
5. The Systematic Method: Weekly, thoughtful, prayerful, personal proportionate giving with the tenth as the minimum.

Which do you think is God's plan? Which is yours?—Wesleyan Methodist.