

## DAVID'S DISCOVERY.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in Thee.—Psalms 39:7.

Rev. H. C. Mullen.

David as it were wakes up in the middle of his meditations and asks this question and then replies. David was very human and while thinking upon the frailties and disappointments of life, no doubt like many others he was looking into the future and longing and waiting for something better to come to pass. How many there are that are living with expectations of a better life, a better experience, as though time were a factor in their attainment. How many Christians there are who have not found perfect rest and satisfaction. They love and endeavor to follow Christ, but seem to think that the best they can have is the crumb that fall from the Master's table. It has never occurred to them that right before them and within reach is all the fullness of God; all that their hungry souls require. They go on plodding along, hoping and praying, "Sometimes trusting, sometimes doubting, sometimes joyful, sometimes sad." No doubt David was in somewhat the same place. It seems to me that he had been looking at the attainments of some one else regarding temporal matters. He was hoping for something that would afford him more pleasure and satisfaction on the same line, but he was not fully aware that real rest and peace were not to be found in that direction. Perhaps he was looking at someone else's religious experience and was waiting, waiting, hoping that sometime, somewhere, he would obtain what his soul craved for, but it never yet had come to his mind to stop right where he was and just find satisfaction **right there in the present.** Evidently he was not yet awake to the truth that what he desired was not obtained by waiting, nor by anything he could do, but by just **simply accepting** what was his rightful inheritance. He finally comes to the right point and the light beams upon him as the sunlight bursts through the clouds. Then he exultantly exclaims: What am I waiting for? What good will waiting do? What will waiting bring me? Why, my hope is in thee, thou art my all! Thou art sufficient for my need! I will wait no longer but will just simply realize, enjoy and praise God for what is mine by right already. He was there for me all the time, I will just claim it and make it my own. There is an illustration of the truth that I am trying to uncover, in the following incident: It is told that a ship sailing by the mouth of the Amazon, sighted another ship showing signals of distress. When the signals were understood it was found that the ship had run short of her water supply and the crew were threatened with death by thirst. Then the other ship signalled back: "Throw over your buckets and help yourselves; you are in the mouth of the Amazon." Here they were in distress for lack of water when their ship was floating in it, and water, water, deep, wide and exhaustless was all around them. (The Amazon carries the largest volume of any river in the world and its fresh water is carried over fifty miles out to sea.)

There are many good souls who believe

in entire sanctification as their privilege; they have heard about it, and believe in it, and say they hope to have the experience some time, but on they go with a hungry heart; their faith does not lay claim to it, they do not simply let go of self and let God work the miracle of grace in them. There they are as the ship in the Amazon of His will in their hearts. Christ finished the work on Calvary and the Great Amazon of His divine grace has been flowing ever since. Holiness of heart is our rightful heritage, it is all in and through Christ. He "is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

Good soul, what are you waiting for? Ask yourself the question, "What wait I for?" Then say, accept, and realize the truth, "My hope is in Thee." Salvation is all of grace, whether it be justification or sanctification. We come into possession of it just by simply getting self out of the way and accepting Christ as our justification and our sanctification. People all over the world are stumbling at the mere simplicity of the plan. Full salvation and perfect rest and victory is just before us and all around us as was the water of the Amazon in the illustration. All they had to do was to throw over their buckets and draw up. All the faith necessary was to meet these conditions. What would we have thought of those sailors if they had gone on thirsting. How foolish we would think them for disbelieving the message because it was so simple and the water so free. Jesus is the water of life and the supply is full and free. This life of satisfaction and victory is found alone in Him. Shall we not throw over our buckets of faith and just draw and drink all our hearts desire.

The great dominating faculty of our nature is the will; its education is the most important of all. And the one great lesson teachers must impress upon the minds of the scholars is the submission of their will to the right authority. For our so-called freedom is only the choice of motives. The only real freedom of the will is exact conformity of the will of God. It is a freedom which the Son gives His people and makes them free indeed. But, alas! how few of even His saints attain unto it.—Western Recorder.

The difference, not merely of degree, but of kind, which is supposed to separate the English rector from the inferior order of curates is amusingly exemplified in the following:

Returning to his parish after his autumn holiday, a dignified country clergyman, noticing a woman at her cottage door with a baby in her arms, asked: "Has that baby been baptized?"

"Well, sir," replied the curtesying mother, "I shouldn't like to say as much as that, but your young man came and did what he could."—Chicago Herald.

"The glorious privileges possible to the Christian cannot be fully described by the use of the human language, and must be experienced before they can be understood. Christianity is experience and life rather than theory and doctrine. "And this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

## TALK SUCCESS, NOT FAILURE.

By Rev. James Elmer Russell.

"If I sell but two tons of coal a day," said a coal dealer to me on one occasion, "no one will ever know it. Men are so constituted that they like to do business with a firm that is prospering. To call attention to business depression is to invite further depression."

This coal dealer was an officer of the church of which I was pastor and he went on to give me this counsel for my work, "In your work of religious leadership never speak of failures and disappointments which may occur; put emphasis upon whatever is succeeding."

If some Sunday morning only a small congregation is present do not scold the faithful few because of the stay aways. Wait till some Sunday when there is a large congregation present, call attention to it, and commend it."

There can be no doubt as to the great common sense in the suggestion of this Christian business man. His words were an illustration and an explanation of the familiar proverb, "Nothing succeeds like success." To put the point in a more colloquial way everyone likes to ride on the band wagon.

An atmosphere of discouragement which is created by calling attention to failures is very certain to invite more failures, while the atmosphere of cheerfulness created by calling attention to successes is the best preparation for further successes.—Westminster Teacher.

## TRUST THE BOY.

When his boy was about to leave home for college, one thousand miles away, the father said to the son, "I want you to keep a strict account of your income and outgo. Have a diary and record every dollar, yes, every dime you spend. But remember, I shall never ask to see that diary." And he never did.

But the scheme worked well. The parental confidence was never abused. The best way to make a lad trustworthy is to trust him. Even our colleges are learning that the surest way to create mischief is to be always looking for it.—Ex.

The roots of the cedars of Lebanon are said to extend as far under the ground as the trunks and branches tower above. If you and I are to be the stalwart Christians the Holy Ghost must do a great deal of work in our lives that does not show on the surface. We must have root in our Christian experience even as the cedars of Lebanon.—Sel.

The coast to coast campaign of the National Holiness Association were specially successful in Des Moines, Iowa, and Cincinnati. It reveals the far reaching work of the Holiness movement in the meeting at Des Moines. Representatives from 24 denominations, and 75 churches were present.

The reports of these meetings reached us too late to give in full.

He that hath light thoughts of sin, never had great thoughts of God.—Owen.