

REFINING FIRE.

There is danger in the Christian life of welcoming only the more enjoyable experiences and emotions and turning deliberately away from those of a painful or less pleasurable nature. It is not in human nature to seek unpleasant and painful experiences; and if progress in a right course of direction is made at the cost of great suffering, it must be as the result of having some powerful controlling motive or objective. In contemplating the deeper experiences of the Christian life we are apt to dwell upon those that result in satisfying emotions rather than those which result in good fruitage at the expense of good feelings. We would rather think of those operations of the Holy Spirit in directing Christian experience and moulding Christian character which are typified under the figures of the gentle shower and the anointing oil, rather than those which may be indicated by the refining fire. It is well to remember that the baptism of Jesus is "with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." There is a fiery element in the cleansing of the nature from sin from which we naturally shrink. In refining and purifying by fire the foreign substances and impurities are consumed or reduced to ashes. Fire goes into the very substance of things and blends with every particle of the thing it touches. The purging, refining processes in the human life are necessary before the anointings and fillings produce effectual fruitage. Crucifixion and death must precede resurrection activity. There are pains and sufferings that come from God's own hand when He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver, when He lets the furnace burn until it seems we must be burned to ashes, when indeed much that we have counted as best is consumed before our agonized gaze. But we must trust the hand of the divine Refiner; He knows what is best. When we cease to fear the furnace fires, that moment they cease to harm us. His voice may be heard in the sweet words of assurance: "The flame shall not kindle upon you." Let us not selfishly seek to choose our way, but place ourselves unreservedly in the hands of the divine Alchemist, whispering the while into His listening ear: "Have thine own way, Lord; have thy way."—Wesleyan Methodist.

"PRAY AND PRAYER."

(Psa. 55:17)

"Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord" (Zec. 8:21).

"O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee, shall all flesh come" (Psa. 65:2).

"And their prayers cometh up to His Holy Dwelling Place, even unto Heaven" (2 Chron. 25:37.)

"Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray" (Psa. 5:2).

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise" (Psa. 51:17).

"He will regard the prayer of the destitute" (Psa. 102:17).

"The prayer of the upright is His delight" (Prov. 15:8).

"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe

that ye receive them, and ye shall receive them" (Mark 11:24).

The disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:2) And even Jesus lived a life of prayer, and taught His disciples that "Men ought always to pray" (Luke 18:1).

In the seventeenth chapter of St. John, Jesus prayed to His Father. This prayer is the sublimest height of Christ's love for His disciples, and for all who shall believe on Him through their word (Verse 20). If Jesus needed to pray, we who confess Him, surely need to pray. He tells us to pray without ceasing. (I. Thess. 5:7).

"Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18).

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41).

"In everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (James 5:13).

"Pray one for another—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:14-16).

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers" (I. Peter 3:12).

"But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (I. Peter 4:7).

"Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20).

"Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is" (Mark 13:30).

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts, and the four and twenty elders, fell down before the Lamb (having every one of them harps, and golden vials, full of odors, which are the prayers of saints" (Rev. 5:8).

"DAY BY DAY MANA FELL".

He does not bid us bear the burdens of tomorrow, next week, or next year. Every day we are to come to Him in simple obedience and faith, asking help to keep us and aid us through the day's work; and tomorrow, and tomorrow, through years of long tomorrows, it will be but the same thing to do; leaving the future always in God's hands, sure that He can care for it better than we.—Madam Guyon.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. S. J. Brown (\$30.00), Lower Brighton Missionary Society (50.00), Lower Brighton S. S. (55.00), Moncton Sunday School (28.28), Moncton Missionary Society and Mission Band (177.29), Mrs. Lawson D. Caldwell (2.00), Mrs. Mary Sipprell (1.00), Edith P. Deplissey (1.00), Lutz Mountain Sunday School, by Miss Beatrice Trites (73.00).

S. A. BAKER, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Royalton, June 16, 1920.

Meeting opened by singing, "I'll go where you want me to go."

Scripture Reading, Romans 10th chapter.

Prayer by Boardman Burke and others, Singing—I will go.

Recitation, A little light bearer—Stanley Burke.

Recitation, Ten little fingers—Cora Weade.

Reading, The Pentecost on the Congo—Miss Cummings.

Recitation, What I can—Evelyn Crawford.

Singing, Go tell the sweet story. Address—Mrs. I. F. Keirstead.

There was a good attendance and much interest. Receipts of the evening \$12.26. Secy, Mrs. B. Burke.

The yearly meeting of the Woodstock Reformed Baptist Missionary Society was held Friday, June 11th. The officers for the year were elected as follows:

- President—Mrs. C. O. Mutch. First Vice President—Mrs. C. P. Phillips. President—Mrs. Estey. Secretary—Mrs. Watson. Treasurer—Mr. C. P. Phillips. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. O. Estey.

Entertainment Committee—Mr. London, Miss Colpitts, Mrs. Bragdon and Mrs. B. M. Colpitts.

Pianist—Mrs. Reynolds. L. B. COLPITTS.

GOING TO THE CITY.

By Isaac R. Embree

Text—"My soul shall make its boast in the Lord."

I'm going to the city, The city built on high; The beautiful white city, Where my possessions lie. I've passed by many a landmark There'll not be many more, Ere I shall reach the city, And pass the open door. I crossed the turbid waters, Of Jordan long ago. And pitched my tents in Beulah Where Sharons roses blow. I've sat in heavenly places On Canaan's sunlit shore; And voiced the songs of Zion With loved ones gone before. I'm going there. I'm going there. Oh, glory hallelujah! I'm going there.

I've feasted on the fruitage That grows on life's fairtree; And drunk the living water, That flows from Calvary, Have walked and talked with Jesus, Along the lanes of life; And kept my robes unspotted Amid earth's toil and strife. And now I'm near the city, The city built on high, The beautiful white city Where my possessions lie. The shadows gather o'er me, The night is coming on; But just beyond the gloaming Lies Heaven's eternal morn.