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you have, God and Christ and the blessing of a heart pure and at peace shall be left you. And in the solemn night time after I gave up the struggle, the comfort seemed to me so great and precious that I felt willing if it would only stay with me, to accept poverty and go into the world poor and despised, hugging that priceless blessing to my heart. The next day I was as light as if I had wings. Nothing could keep me from going to Isaac Door with a couple of hundred dollars in my pocket and a note for the remainder of what I owed him.

"Poor Isaac had grown discouraged, and had just made up his mind to quit his wife and children and go to California. His children were crying and his wife was in an extremity of despair. She received me a great deal better than I had anticipated. 'I had acted according to law,' she said, 'and Isaac, careless and imprudent, was greatly to blame.'

"Yes," said Isaac, with the firmness of a desperate man. 'It was a savage game you played, but I was fool enough to get in debt as I did, and then fancy that any man would not take advantage when the law permits it. I am ruined in consequence, and here you see this woman and babes—'

"He broke down as he looked at them and then cried like a child.

"Isaac," said I, as soon as I could speak, 'I have come to show you that a man can be honest even when the law doesn't compel him to be. I want to do right because God commands it, and I have come to tell you that you needn't leave your wife and babes yet, unless you prefer to.'

"Prefer to—go off in a strange country and leave them here to suffer," he cried and caught his children in his arms and wrung his wife's hand and sobbed as if his heart would break.

"Then I counted out the money I had brought, and explained what I intended to do, and gave him the note; and such surprise and happiness I never saw. They would have kissed my feet if I would have let them. It seemed to me as if heaven were open then and there—and it was opened in my heart with such a flood of light and joy as I had never experienced or thought possible before."—A Tract.

A bold rebel once made a great party against a Roman emperor. A proclamation was sent abroad that whatsoever could bring in that rebel, dead or alive, he should be given a great sum of money. The outlaw, hearing of this, comes, presents himself before the emperor, and demands the sum of money proposed. The emperor bethinks himself that if he put him to death the world will say he did it to save the money, so he freely pardons the rebel and gives him the money. Here, now, was light in a dark lantern, mercy in a very heathen. And shall such a one do thus that had but a drop of mercy and compassion in him, and will not Christ do much more that hath all fullness of grace and mercy in Himself? His heart yearns to the worst of sinners repenting.—Henry.

"THE TWO WAYS"

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CHAPTER XIV.

The Post-master General, who had been sadly grieved by the Dark Ages, marshalled his staff of assistants and soon had the post offices dusted and in order. Letters long dead, overdue, oh mislaid, were dispatched to the proper addresses, creating no small stir in both army and navy. Flags that had hung at half mast for hundreds of years were now at the mast head, unfurled to the breeze, showing their inscription, in letters of gold, mingled with blood, "Go ye."

Government Records, called "History of Missions," record the zeal and sacrifice of some of the pioneers who scaled those distant Mountains of Difficulty and reached the lands lying beyond in the Shadow of Death, where the light of the glorious cross had not yet reached. The lack of space and time forbids our telling of the wonderful triumphs and rescues made by the heroes of that advance guard. From that time until now, their number has been increasing, so that a large portion of heathen lands has been partially enlightened.

Here is a quotation from Government Records, "A Hundred Years of Missions," by D. L. Leonard, D.D. On page 69, we read, "The closing years of the Eighteenth Century constitute, in the history of Protestant Missions, an epoch indeed. It was then for the first time since the Apostolic period, occurred an outburst of general missionary zeal and activity. Beginning in Great Britain, it soon spread to the continent and across the Atlantic. It was no mere push of fervor, but a mighty tide set in, which from that day to this has been steadily rising and spreading."

During the last Century there have been formed many splendid passes over the Mountain Range of Difficulty. In answer to the prayers of faith, mountains have been removed and cast into the sea; thus leaving clean smooth highways, as though prepared for a coming king. It is mostly through these gaps that there lies an unobstructed view of the harvest fields in these distant lands.

Our Captain has definitely promised that, when the glad tidings of His Calvary victory and resurrection shall have been published, for a witness, to all nations, then He will return for His Bride, and inaugurate His millennial reign. In anticipating this supreme event two phases stand out calling for special thanksgiving. First all the sanctified soldiers shall see Him as he is, and shall be like Him. The joy of this experience will be unspeakable and full of glory. There is a second phase that appeals alike to the Captain and every true soldier; the glorious ingathering from the whole world's harvest fields. For since the enemy will have been removed, with the last vestage of his wily influence and vile diseases, there will be no Mountains of Difficulty between the Capital City, and the now foreign lands. Deserted hospitals and prisons may then be used as churches, while battleships may carry armies of messengers of the Gospel of Peace, who will instruct all nations to beat their swords and spears into plow-

shears and pruning hooks, and cease to raise taxes for the support of armament.

We thus look forward to see prophecy fulfilled, that foretells of the complete success of foreign missions: "A nation shall enter through the narrow gate in a day, and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the mighty deep. The national revivals, that will then be the order of the day, will stand out in bright contrast to our present day results. For now we are under orders to witness to all nations, and give them the option of rescue; while then our instructions will be to 'rescue all nations.'"

There will be no further use for the Broad Way with its horrible pits and wretched conditions. The gate will be closed and the way forsaken. Dr. Luke and his helpers will have leisure for preaching and teaching and need only to dispense the leaves of healing to the nations.

Weeds and thorns with all pests shall be removed, together with the curse that makes the whole creation groan and travail together in pain, waiting for this change that is to take place with the first resurrection. Even the beasts of prey will lose their ferocious nature and eat grass as the ox. Serpents and scorpions, emblems of the enemy, will be robbed of their venom, while all diseases and crime shall fly away and perch upon the peaks of time like great vultures, and there await the loosing of their master, Diabolis.

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BEST EVIDENCE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Many books have been written in defence of Christianity; but the dust has gathered on most of them. Long arguments and eloquent sermons have been made and preached to convince men of the truth of Christianity; but the impression made by most of these has been temporary. There are two arguments in favor of Christianity which no sincere soul can resist. One is the life of Christ as it is mirrored in the Gospels, and the other is the life of the Christian in whose heart dwells the Christ. "I must leave you," said an infidel to the Christlike Fenelon, "for if I stay with you much longer I will be a Christian." In the devout Fenelon that infidel saw an argument in favor of Christianity which compelled belief in its truth. It was the South African explorer Stanley, who said that his association with Dr. Livingstone compelled him to be a Christian. And so it has ever been. The life of Christ is mirrored in the Christian. Men see it, admire it and feel its power. The godly father, the saintly mother will go a great deal further to make saintly sons and daughters than eloquent sermons. After all, it is not so much the sermons men hear as the sermons they see that bring them to the feet of Jesus.—Exchange.

"The seed of prayer always springs up into praise."

"Walking with God will always lead you towards man."