

## MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

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clothes, from a head dress down. We are always willing to give them, at least, their first head dress (large handkerchiefs). Very often they get their first suit as a present at this station.

For money is so very scarce with them and difficult to get, as a rule. If you ask them to accept Christ as their Saviour, their reply is most frequently, "Where will I get my Christian clothes?" I generally reply, "Ask me for your first suit." They have no other excuse to offer, and will say, "I thank you, but will return later to ask for the clothing." As to where the second and third suits may come from, does not bother them. It is not their nature to look far ahead.

The men and boys seldom talk this way, or beg for clothes, as they go to the towns and work for wages. A very old man may beg. After meeting today one such was hinting to me. He stood in front of me, with a long black coat on, and a small blanket—and native trousers. With his boney hand he held out the torn coat, saying with his trembling voice, "Aloni gave me this coat, and Josefa made me a present of the blanket." I did not seem to understand. Then he asked for soap and salt. In parting he said: "I am coming back in the morning to work." He has been given a lot of food for very little work, and now seems to feel that he has been adopted by the church. At every service he is present and listens attentively. His wife, too, is old and feeble, while they have no children in a position to help them. A fire burned their hut with clothing, and their food is all finished. Our church is taught to specialize in helping the needy.

The man I spoke of as informing me before meeting of his desire to join us soon, was telling, incidentally, of the rules of his Church. They demand 50 cents per quarter for children and 60 cents for adults. Thus this man, Johan, is taxed over ten dollars a year. Not having the money, he had just given his white missionary a cow.

Many of the churches about us tax all their members to raise money for church purposes; which custom drives their people from them and stands as a barrier to keep the heathen from entering the Kingdom of God. Our tithing system and free-will offerings do not appear favourably to the native mind.

Today our offering included two native made wooden spoons, a quart of Kaffir corn and \$2.75 in cash. But the real drawing power is Christ, held up as an all sufficient Saviour, giving perfect freedom from the guilt and dominion of sin. We have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost, have tasted of the good word of God, and have quenched our thirst at the fountain of the water of life. This, therefore, that we have seen and heard and possess, declare we unto them. They accept our testimony and go in for and receive the old time religion.

Then every one is urged to bring others to the fountain. "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come."

The thought occurs to me: Perhaps

some one in the homeland who reads this letter is still unsaved. Let me urge such an one to "Come" and partake of the life-giving fountain. You will know when you have received, and soon may be a messenger, visiting others. For "He that drinketh of the waters that I shall give him shall never thirst." This signifies perfect satisfaction. Then "the water that I shall give him, shall be in him, a well of water." That is, plenty and to spare for others. No one can have this "well" experience and not be a blessing wherever he goes.

Yours, possessing a well of water, springing up with everlasting life.

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## FREEDOM FROM WORRY

"Be careful for nothing" (Phil. 4:6-7); that is, "Be anxious about nothing," no anxiety ought to be found in the believer. Great, many and varied may be our trials, our afflictions, our difficulties, and yet there should be no anxiety under any circumstances, because we have a Father in Heaven who is almighty, who loves His children as He loves His only begotten Son, and whose very joy and delight it is to succor and help them at all times and under all circumstances.

Therefore anxiety should not be found in the children of God, but we should attend to the exhortation given us in this verse: "Be anxious about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

Here notice particularly the following points:

(1) "In everything," that is, not merely when the house is on fire, not merely when the beloved wife is dying, not merely when our children are on the brink of the grave, but in the smallest matters of life, bring everything before God, the little things, the very little things, what the world calls trifling things—everything—living in holy communion with our Heavenly Father, and with our precious Lord Jesus Christ, all day long. And when we awake at night, by a kind of spiritual instinct again turning to Him, and speaking to Him, and bringing our various little matters before Him in the sleepless night, the difficulties in connection with our family, our servants, our trade, our profession, whatever tries us in any way, speak to the Lord about it. And in like manner, our joys, our easy days, speak to the Lord about them, and ask Him to help. Ask Him to help regarding Everything.

(2) "By Prayer and Supplication," taking the place of beggars, with earnestness, with perseverance, going on, and waiting, waiting, waiting on God.

(3) "With Thanksgiving." We should at all times lay a good foundation with thanksgiving. If everything else were wanting, this is always present, that He has saved us from hell. Then, that He has given us His Holy Word—His only begotten Son, His choicest gift—and the Holy Spirit. And therefore we have always abundant reason for thanksgiving. Oh, let us aim at this!

What is the result of this?

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus." We shall have the peace of God. And this is so great a blessing, so real a blessing, so precious a blessing, that it must be known experimentally to be entered into, for it passeth understanding. Oh, the peace of God, how exceedingly precious this blessing!

See therefore how we get this peace of God, through attending to this exhortation, that in everything in the most minute affairs of life, we let our requests and supplications with thanksgiving, be known unto God. And further, that we seek to the utmost to avoid anxiety. Oh, let us lay these things to heart, and the result will be, if we habitually walk in this spirit, we shall far more abundantly done.—Sergeant Muller.

## LIGHT ON LIFE'S MEANING

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, who turned away from a fine opportunity for a brilliant career in London to bury himself on the bleak coasts of Labrador, nevertheless gained there a world-wide reputation by the heroic yet eminently practical work he has done. He has been telling in the columns of the British Weekly his religious experience under the heading, "What Christ Means to Me." He closes the final chapter of the story in this hopeful and encouraging way:

"The faith in Christ upon which I have based my life has given me a light on life's meaning which has satisfied my mind, body and soul. The hope that through that faith He would reveal a way of life here which justifies it has been more than answered; and it seems to me ever more reasonable to hold that it will 'carry on' just as gloriously when we have passed beyond the limits of what material machines can reveal to us. That the Love which has made itself conscious to me through forty odd years and has not failed even when I failed should desert me when in the presence of God I shall need it most is to me unthinkable. No; I don't know what redemption means, but, knowing myself, I can not avoid realizing the necessity for it; nor can I see any reason why my glad acceptance of faith in the only way I ever heard of should offend my intellect because I do not fully understand it.

"Humility is an essential of all true science. Why not in this the greatest of all? Pharpar and Abana are denied me. Am I foolish because I accept the waters of Jordan?"

"He who would valiant be  
Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His firm avowed intent  
To be a Christian."—Bunyan.

Dear reader, contrast an eternity of glory with an eternity in the "Outer darkness," on the threshold of which hope ceases; where mercy is never offered, and where God cannot come. Hasten, then, to make your choice and may the gracious Lord enable you to make it aright.—Selected.