

stantly to business and my nerves have given out. A change will make it all right."

Yes there are many that will explain their heaviness of spirit by their nerves, and plunge into recreation for relief.

But what a contrast this young man presents to Paul the Apostle! We hear him saying "the things that were gain to me, those I count loss, for Christ; Yea doubtless I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dross, that I might win Christ. That I might know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

"The Son of God goes forth to war a kingly crown to gain;

His blood-red banners stream afar, who follows in his train?

Who best can dring his cup of woe triumphant over pain;

Who patient bears his cross below, he follows in his train.

The martyr first whose eagle eye could pierce beyond the grave;

He saw his master in the sky and called on him to save.

Like him with pardon on his lips, in midst of mortal pain,

He prayed for them that did the wrong, who follows in his train?"

"THE COOL OF THE DAY."

"God planted a garden in Eden"; and "God walked in the garden in the cool of the day." Morning, evening, and night were cool in the semi-tropic East. Fresh from the nights sleep Adam and Eve could commune with God before undertaking the day's task; and when evening came and needed recreation was sought, God would walk with them in their recreational garden. Does He walk with you in your recreations? When night came Adam and Eve could sleep feeling the sense of security expressed by the Psalmist when he said: "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou alone makest me to dwell in safety". We believe in wise counsel to married people; but Adam and Eve did not need a Dorothy Dix to tell them how to make a success of married life as long as they walked with God; or as long as God walked in their matrimonial garden. Holy wedlock and the prayer meeting were stragetic points in the first human lives. The devil struck at both. He strikes at these key positions in modern life; and we have divorce and prayerlessness. D. V. Adam Clarke says: "God walked in the garden in the cool of the evening breeze," and adds that this was probably the time that the first man and woman had been used to having their evening prayer. God found them hiding from Him. The devil had broken up the prayer-meeting. He has done the same thing with the church prayer meeting; with prayer at the family altar; and with prayer in secret; in many instances human souls need God in all temperatures; and under all conditions. Jesus comes to meet this need. He says to trusting souls: "Lo I am with you always". God intended that man should get his living from the garden. "Every tree shall be for meat except the forbidden one". God now intends that men and women should get a livelihood from this world garden; yet "Man shall not live by bread alone; but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". God walked in the garden of Job's afflictions and loss of property. Some mod-

ern souls find God in the garden of their losses. Two new settlers with families were recently "hailed out" on our western prairie. Their pastor saw utter destruction as he visited them. One settler placed his hand upon his heart and said with a smile: "We have not been hailed out here". Thank God for souls who triumph amid earthly losses! God does "ride upon the storm" to all such. However, it is to be feared that the present economic depression is not a Job-like test of our righteousness in every case. Have we been Sabbath observant. Have our homes been places where we sought the mercy seat daily? Have we sought God in secret prayer? Has Jesus been our best and closest companion? Have we sought God in the house of worship? Whence the throngs that throng the highways; and fill pleasure resorts on Sunday? Is this life's highest end? Is righteousness to be measured by the number of miles registered on the speedometer on Sunday; or by the number of so called "thrills" which are so evident in so many lives on the Lord's day? Malachi traced all the economic disaster of his time to infidelity in married life; neglect of God; and robbing Him. He says: "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse; and prove me now herewith if I will not pour you out a blessing such as there shall not be room enough to receive it, and I will rebuke the devourer, and he shall not any more destroy the fruits of your ground." Malachi saw that a return to God would bring an inflow and overflow of joyous righteousness and cure hard times as well. God said "I will rebuke the devourer". "That would be an eventual cure of insect pests and all that acts as a "devourer." Has God walked in the garden of our daily toil? Have we sought the glory of God in getting a living? The aim of Malachi's time are here as are others. Infidelity in married life leading to divorce; neglect of God and robbing Him. Satan is in the arena of modern life to destroy holy wedlock and prayer. Does God walk in our garden? The crowning indictment against our race is that God does not walk in the garden when most life incarnations take place. The devil gets a first mortgage on many souls.

Pope Pius XI recently issued an encyclical on the sacredness of Christian marriage. He is reported to have said "life prevention is a grave crime". In view of the many truths reported to have been uttered one feels reluctant to suggest that something more might have been said on this sacred subject; which if sidetracked leads to sex appeal to wrong ends. May we venture to say that life for which God and nature has provided ought to be under holy conditions; and should not be prevented. It is reasonable to believe that the official head of the Catholic Church the priests under him; and all the women in his fold who practice a voluntary celibacy have been endowed by God with normal procreative functions; and to defeat their end from choice, is a kind of life prevention. The church owes it to God to leave behind an increased and holier generation by her ministry; and by the holiest office of life. This may be done if the Holy Ghost is the Alpha and Omega of life. We need the Spirit's seal and sanctity upon life. The Holy Spirit endowed life with the highest sanctity by bringing Jesus through the gateway of conception and birth. Paul says: "Marriage undefiled is honorable among all men. He does not except Pope, priest, or woman. Peter had a wife and a mother-in-law when Jesus called him. We greatly need uniting love. We should be bigger souls; reaching for "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ". We need perfect love that soars, sings, and unites. All conquering love that goes to

world conquest with a prayer in its heart and a song on its lips. Love that brings the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Love for our enemies, love for those who differ with us, and triumphant love that regards the battle as the Lord's, who will win it in the largest sense by the prayerful, loving cooperation of all Christians. Let us love, work, and pray in the Spirit. Amen.

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"VICTORY"

"Now thanks be unto that God Who always leads us forth to triumph with the Anointed One, and Who diffuses by us the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place."—2 Cor. 2:14—(Literal Translation.)

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorifying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, and solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is victory.

When you can lovingly and patiently deal with any disorder, any irregularity, any unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is victory.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown—that is victory.

When you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is victory.

When, like Paul, you can throw all your sufferings on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace, and can say from a surrendered heart, "most gladly," therefore, do "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake."—that is victory.—(2 Cor. 12:7-11.)

To love equally as much the grace that comes through being "instructed how to be hungry" and to suffer, as you love the faith required to know how to be "full" and to abound in health—that is victory. (Phil. 4:12.)

When death and life are both alike to you through Christ, and to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is victory; for, through Him you may become able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death."—(Phil. 1, 20; 1 Cor. 15, 54.)

The perfect victory is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and thus to triumph over one's self.—(Rom. 13:14.)

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."—(Rom. 8:37.)

"Joseph did not see what his brethren had done against him; he saw God working out a divine plan to save life. If our souls have an upper vision, we will see less what our persecutors are doing and more what God is doing to work in us the wonderful graces of the Spirit that He designs to use to help lift a fallen world heavenward."