

the "pull" of their missionary call, and are anxious to return to the Field.

Remember the missionary cause in your praying and giving. The treasurer was unable to send the full allocation for salaries for the last Quarter. Send what you can to Rev. C. E. Stairs, 12 Archibald St., Truro, N. S.

PLANS FOR BUILDING IN RHODESIA

Plans for the building and equipping of a hospital and doctor's residence in Rhodesia, which will serve as living and working quarters for Dr. Emmet and his assistants, are proceeding.

Our Moncton Church has offered to undertake the building of the Hospital, an admirable venture of faith. Our Marysville Church has contributed more than \$600.00 for hospital equipment; the Seal Cove Church is undertaking the building of the Doctor's residence; and we have set aside a bequest of \$500.00 from the estate of the late Mrs. Catherine Wilson, of Fredericton, towards equipment for the hospital.

The Emmets are scheduled to sail for Rhodesia in 1960 and we hope to have the hospital and dwelling completed by the time they are ready to go, and enough furnishings and equipment in the hospital for a good beginning of this most important work.

We appreciate deeply the vision of those churches and individuals who are making these ventures possible, and hope that others may become like-minded.

Our Foreign Missionary Work was never more challenging. We are carrying a heavy load in respect to financial responsibility, but dare we call a halt to the progress of this enterprise because of a dollar shortage? Surely not, when we live in comparatively luxury here in the homeland.

Our Mission Board appeals to all pastors and churches for a supreme and sacrificial effort toward a record-breaking Easter offering for foreign missions. If the appeal receives a favourable response, and offerings surpass anything we have received in the past, it will convey to our Mission Board and our missionaries a message that may be interpreted to mean: "We are in favour of the progress and expansion of our foreign missionary work. Let the advance continue until Jesus comes!"

DON'T JUDGE TOO HARD

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps,

Or stumbles along the road,

Unless you have worn the shoes he wears

Or struggled beneath his load.

There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt

Though hidden away from view

Or the burden he bears, placed on your back

Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,

Unless you have felt the blow

That caused his fall, or felt the shame

That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows

That were his, if dealt on you

In the selfsame way, at the selfsame time,

Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins

Or pelt him with words or stones,

Unless you are sure, yea, doubly sure,

That you have no sins of your own.

For you know perhaps, if the tempter's voice

Should whisper as softly to you

As it did to him when he went astray,

"'Twould cause you to falter too.

Mastering Our Mental Conflicts

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"In God I will praise His word". Psalm 56: 4. "In God will I praise His word." Psalm 56:10.

Christians are not immune to "mental conflicts". Men who think will find their faith challenged by strong and subtle foes. One cannot embrace a religion as extraordinary in basic principles as is the Christian Faith without disturbing the status quo of the reasoning faculties.

Maybe I am right in affirming that for many Christians the greatest moral conflicts are waged on this level of life. At least, this was so with Jesus. In the Wilderness the conflict centered in Miracle, in a Father's care, and in a Father's method. In Miracle: "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be bread;" In a Father's care: "Cast Thyself from this pinnacle for it is written." In the Divine method: "All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them, (and, may I add, 'immediately,') if Thou shalt turn from God's way to my way." Here, the conflict was real, and the challenge daring, but not on the low level of physical indulgences. The attack was on the high level of the intellectual and spiritual.

Another instance is given in the history of John the Baptist. From Herod's prison he sends messengers with the unexpected inquiry: "Art Thou He that should come or look we for another?" John was "filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth". John was providentially educated for the express purpose of heralding the coming of Jesus. John was given the high honor of administering the sacrament of baptism to Jesus, of seeing the Holy Spirit rest upon Him, and hearing the Voice from Heaven. Yet this same John who had so stubbornly defended the faith on the banks of the Jordan, seeks, from the unfriendly cells of a prison, further proofs for his troubled mind. Little wonder that lesser men, having taken a like stand, find themselves the victims of similar onslaughts. Doubtless, here is the answer why many who in early Christian experience witnessed daringly and with great conviction the truths of the Faith, are now found sitting on the sidelines, frustrated and uncertain. My heart wells up with sympathy for them and I hear Jesus saying again, "And blessed is he that shall not be offended in Me."

But what of the text? What has it to say to us? You will note a bit of difference in the wording — a significant difference, nevertheless. In verse 4, there is stubborn resolve: "In God I WILL praise His Word". In verse 10, there is spontaneous result: "In God WILL I praise His Word." Location is all-important. Getting along with God's Word, my friend, is not a matter, as you would have me believe, of perspicacity, of your being more intelligent, and less credulous than I, but a question of where the exercise of our WILLS has placed us in relationship to Almighty God.

For the Christian there is a Gospel of Truth to be proclaimed; a Ground of Truth to be believed; a Grace of Truth to be experienced. We will never proclaim the Gospel of the Grace of God with certainty until we believe the Grounds of the Grace of God with certainty. Allowing that the grounds of our faith involve so much that is transcendent and supernatural, we must further allow that the exercise of our faith demands a set purpose to believe. Faith must grapple with things Infinite. It is easy for me to believe the things I see in the world about me. It is glorious to believe the unseen things that are above me.

Christian faith is a positive thing. It is venturesome, daring. Its elementary exercises call for action — "He that cometh to God, MUST believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." The

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