

his teacher. The mountain must be scaled from the bottom ; so also Christ-likeness begins and is continued by entire submission to Christ. Surrender is the price of freedom. John the Baptist was a voice and Richard Baxter a pen for God. A surrendered life becomes an ennobled life. " Shoemaker by the grace of God " is a fit appellation of him who makes shoes as a divine vocation. Called to be an apostle is called to do God's errands. Christ humbled Himself and was exalted. Sit in the lowest seat at the feast that you may be sent up higher. Pride goeth before a fall. The humble heart is God's dwelling-place. The willing servant is sanctified. Arrogant Cain is rejected and submissive Abel is accepted.

Some men become rich through poverty. By giving all they own they become richer than before. Barnabas sold his land and gave it to the apostles. The Nile flows on through sandy tracts, ever lessening in volume as it flows toward the sea, being absorbed by the boundless sandy plain, losing itself in enriching the desert. Moses gave up the pleasures of Egypt and received in return the pleasures of God. The greatest blessing of earth is not to be compared with the smallest blessing of heaven. The wealth of a millionaire is poverty compared to the unsearchable riches of Christ. Lazarus in his rags is richer than Dives in his purple and