

"And that?"

"Is looking to the intellect instead of the heart. I was waiting for some powerful manifestation of God's presence, in the world of reason and science, or rather I was expecting to arrive at a knowledge of Him by some such process as a mathematician arrives at the solution of a problem. It was all a mistake, James. My reason was convinced, as yours is; but it wanted more than that. I had to take God at His word, trusting its perfect truth. It is question for the heart more than the head, and its very simplicity staggers us. The great fault of the age is the hard, calculating spirit of reducing everything to the law of a logical test. Of course, that is all right as far as science goes; but it makes any act of faith very difficult. We feel bound not to believe anything unless our reason asserts it to be a natural law, and the doctrine of life through simple faith comes to us as an utter impossibility. I am glad you have spoken on the subject; I scarcely liked to introduce it, and yet was reluctant to leave without a word. It is so much to both of us."

"It does not amount to much as far as I am concerned. I shall drop it altogether now. I have wanted to say this much to you, Eric; and now I have one request to make; it is that you will not in future refer to the subject. There is nothing whatever to be gained by discussion, and I am weary of it. Will you oblige me in this?"

Ericson hesitated; he scarcely liked to bind himself to silence for all times and seasons, and yet he could not refuse. While he was thinking, the words "Power belongeth unto God" flashed across his mind, and he took them as a message. "It shall be as you wish," he answered; "the subject shall not be referred to again, James, except at your own request."

They rose, and joined Mildred and Charlie; and soon after Winnie called them to tea.

THEY pray the best who pray and watch;
They watch the best who watch and pray;
They hear Christ's finger on the latch,
Whether He comes by night or day.
Whether they guard the gates and watch,
Or, patient, toil and pray and wait,
They hear his finger on the latch
Whether He early comes, or late.