

and walk," so that we may take possession of every good gift with joyful praise.

This man, unable to help himself, looked at Peter and John expecting to receive something of them. So the sinful, sorrowful world looks at a Christian, at you and me, expecting to receive something from us, and they have a right to expect it. All blessings that flow to us should flow through us. We are God's channels; let us keep the channel wide and free. Peter was conscious of possessing power, and felt the responsibility of using it. He was full of the Holy Spirit, and he knew he had something to give. If every Christian were awake to the power we have in Jesus Christ, and to the privilege of using it for others, what joy and help and healing would flow through each one to the needy and helpless!

There are better things than silver and gold to give. "Such as I have give I thee" is a beautiful saying for us to adopt as we pass along life's crowded thoroughfare. "As every one hath received the gift, even so let him minister as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." What manifold grace is ours! Are you giving such as you have? Can you sing? The singing of a hymn by one who had consecrated her voice to Jesus brought a soul into the light of faith and peace. A flower placed in the window of a dark, dirty room made the woman wash one pane of glass, then the whole window, then the house, then her children, and sent them to Sunday school, where their dark soul-windows were opened to the light. "The Christian for the times is one who *knows* something, *believes* something, *feels* something, and *does* something."

The Teachers' Meeting.

Here was a great opportunity, verses 1-3: Show thy constituents—the time, the place, the believers, the apostles. Here was a wonderful work, verses 5-10: Attention, command, assistance, cure, conviction. Here was a powerful name, verses 11-16: Not by human power, but by the name of Jesus.... The lesson may be interestingly studied from the point of view of Peter or from the point of view of the lame man. Here was a helpless man, as helpless physically as the sinner is spiritually. Wretchedly poor and outcast, he nevertheless had some friends. Let us thank God for friends; let us value our spiritual friends. What are we as Christians doing for our poor friends who are spiritually crippled? The friends of the helpless man brought him to the best of all places—"the gate of the temple."... The poverty and the wealth of apostles may well be contrasted.

Optional Hymns.

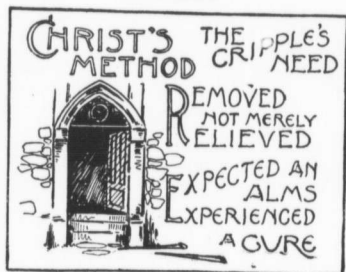
To the Name of our salvation.
There is no name so sweet on earth.
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.
Father, I stretch my hands to thee.
All my doubts I give to Jesus.

I love the name of Jesus.
There is a name I love to hear.
When in the tempest he'll hide me.
Once for all the Saviour died.
The Great Physician now is near.

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This first miracle wrought by the apostle's hands was significant of Christ's attitude toward the world's misery and disease. It was his aim rather to remove than to ameliorate; to make unnecessary the means of relief we so constantly employ by banishing the conditions under which such evils strive. On the other hand, the pittance craved by this beggar represents the position we too often take toward one to whom all power is given, and who doeth all things well.

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