

illuminated places where all had been darkness before. Many persons who would have shrunk from any public act, as something altogether beyond their capabilities, after learning, by experience, the truth that God would indeed guide them in all things, were made willing to go at His command, and deliver messages which must cause them to be imprisoned if nothing more. And many faithful women in our history have crossed oceans to carry the message God gave them to a people or to some ruler high in power, and there are instances of their being wonderfully preserved from death in various forms; and again we know of some who did indeed receive the martyr's crown. It is beyond our power to estimate the blessing of an ever present Guide within our own hearts, that in every action of our lives we may hear the voice saying: "This is the way, walk ye in it." In the hours of deep trouble and sorrow, when human consolation is, after all, but a small comfort to us, what words can describe the sustaining power we receive from the "voice of the living God," who condescends to thus visit and strengthen our afflicted souls, and lovingly calls us His children and treats us as such. I believe it is this doctrine, in whatever form it may be preached, that will be most instrumental in promoting true religion and saving souls, for it is nothing less than the "power of God unto salvation." Does some one say they know nothing of such a power? They may say truly, as far as concerns themselves. The blind man knows naught of the sun by sight, but the promise is, "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God," and who dares to say that he or she knows not whether they do right or wrong? If, at times, we feel that we are left alone for a brief space (for it will be brief) we have no reason to despair, for even Jesus was permitted to feel that His Father had forsaken Him for a short time, and in this, as in other things, He was our example that

we may wait patiently, trustingly, until then: Father again reveals Himself to His child, as He surely will, for He says: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee." "Fear not for I am with thee." "I will meet thee and will commune with thee." "I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way which thou shouldst go." "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "And, lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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### PATIENCE.

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Essay read by Edgar M. Zavitz at the opening "Olio" of the 16th session, held at Elihu Marsh's, Coldstream, 12 mo. 4th, 1891:

Love is the one necessary and supreme quality in the Christian character. Perhaps the next in importance is patience. But this latter is so modest that we hear but little about it, and fail to appreciate it as we should. There is no element more essential to the success and perfection of any undertaking, great or small. When we are just finishing some work, if we lose our patience, even for a moment, it may spoil the thing and undo days of labor. The diamond is not shapely or brilliant when found in the earth. It is the patient cutting, and rubbing, and polishing that reveals the lustre and the sparkle. So it is with our lives, without patience they are dull and imperfect, but with patience they become as it were, more shapely and more luminous. Who could guess of the hidden beauties in the rude agate or amethyst till the polisher has labored patiently hour after hour to reveal them? Neither can we know of the virtues hidden in a mind until patience have done her perfect work

Patience is not only an advantage but is really indispensable to a truly Christian character. If we have not patience, or in other words, if we lose