

### The Cupful and the Fountain.

A saying of Jesus, which is far too lightly passed over by most of the commentators in the Fourth Gospel, is His declaration to the woman of Samaria: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up unto eternal life" (John 4: 15). The thought is perfectly clear. The one who takes from the Master a sip or a cupful of the living water will find that a fountain of it is opened in his own inner life. Jesus is thinking of the spring, fresh and sparkling and limpid that is ever flowing in Jacob's well, or of such a fountain as the Palestine Exploration Society has recently discovered in the rock beneath the Temple at Jerusalem, and He says "He who comes into such relationship with me that he takes even a cup from my hand will find that he has received into his heart a perennial spring like the one that supplies Jacob's well."

If we leave the figurative expression altogether what does this great saying of Jesus mean but this: The man who takes what Christ offers to bestow does not merely receive a gift that can be weighed and measured and valued, like a cup of water that quenches a momentary thirst, or a jewel or a coin, but he receives the very source and origin of the things he seeks, so that he himself becomes a new center and fountain of the very blessings that he has received?

That statement answers precisely to Christian experience. You can never tell what one is receiving when he takes the gift of Christ. You see the boy or girl exercising faith in the Master and you say that is not a great thing, it is an easy thing to do, and it can hardly be possible that it has any large significance. Years afterward you meet the lad or maiden, having become a sweet, strong effective personality, and listen to the confessor: "It all began when I came into personal relationship with Christ years ago. I took a cupful of the living water, and a fountain sprang up in my soul."

That is why the usefulness, the efficiency, the real power and character of so many Christians are utterly disproportionate to anything that they appear to have received from Christ or from the Bible, or from the church. They do not know a great deal; perhaps they could not explain intelligently a single verse in the eternal part of St. Paul's writings; their theological ideas are exceedingly hazy; but they have received that which has centered all their powers, given their vision a new focus and imparted to them an impulse that abides.

David Brainerd, spitting blood upon the snows, marked by death, he preached among the New Jersey Indians, could not have given them a great deal of knowledge. But Brainerd believed that if he brought an Indian to Christ, the Master would enter that human heart; and the cupful the ignorant savage took would become a fountain. David Livingstone could not have given the African tribes among whom he sojourned much instruction in the Gospel, but one of the most wonderful things about our recent knowledge of Africa is that wherever an explorer has crossed the trail of David Livingstone he has crossed a line of light, as distinct as the path of a great searchlight thrown upon the darkness of the waters.

And that is why in the work of Christian missions we are sending out what cannot be weighed or valued. Men look upon such a company as the Baptists of the North sent to the foreign field last week, and they say: "What does that amount to—a few men and women, a few Bibles

and tracts and hymn books? When you think of China and India and Africa, what they really are, and the hosts of heathenism, this missionary enterprise is the most fantastic that ever entered the brain of man." Yes, it certainly would be so if these men and women, and these Bibles and hymn books were the whole of it. But the man in the street with his easy criticism or supercilious sneer overlooks the fact that these servants of Christ will bring the Oriental into personal relationship with the Master, and though the pagan only takes from Christ a cupful of the living water, in taking that a fountain will be opened in his own soul. The missionary bears with him not only a message or a book; he bears with him the promise and potency of spiritual life.

### Married.

**DUFFY DAWSON**—At the home of Mr. Richard Dawson bride's father, on Sept. 25 by Rev. S. C. Barry, Mr. Everett Duffy of Davisville A. Co., to Miss Josie Dawson of the same place.

**BRUCE THOMPSON**—At St. Stephen, N. B., by Rev. W. C. Goucher, B. A., David Miles Bruce of Middlebury Mass., to Miss Carrie Barker Thompson, of St. Stephen.

**LEWIS ALBRIGHT**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mackinac, York Co., N. B., October 5th, by Rev. C. N. Barton, Byron Brewer of Fredrickton, N. B., to Miss V. Albright, of Mackinac, York Co., N. B.

**NELSON McGRATH**—At the home of the bride's parents, Knoxfield, Can. Co., N. B., Oct. 12th, by Rev. P. S. Freeman, Howard B. Nelson to Addie G. McGrath.

**KIRKPATRICK LEWIS**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Benton, N. B., Sept. 7th, by Rev. C. N. Barton, Frank A. Kirkpatrick of Portage, Maine, to Laura M. Lewis of Benton, N. B.

**GODSON McPHERSON**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Benton, N. B., Sept. 28th, by Rev. C. N. Barton, Percy C. Godson, to Gertrude McPheron, both of Benton, N. B.

**POND HOOVER**—At the home of the bride, Oct. 12th, by Rev. C. Wilson, Claude Pond, of Lullow to Amy Hoover, daughter of deacon Alfred Hoover of Lullow.

**HILLMAN LEBENTAN**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Grand View, York Co., N. B., by Rev. C. N. Barton, Betsy is Hillman of Medley, N. B., to Lillian F. Lebentan of Grand View, York Co., N. B.

**HUMPHREYS COREY**—Married at the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 5th, by Rev. E. C. Corey, Mr. Dalton Humphreys to Miss Merle, eldest daughter of J. A. Corey, all of New Canada, Queens Co., N. B.

**BRIDGES LEWIS**—At the residence of Orval Nevers, Colonsburg, Sept. 28th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Nicholas Bridges of Sisson, Ridge, Victoria Co., N. B., to E. J. Lewis, of Petticoat, N. B.

**BAILY McDONALD**—At the residence of John McDermott, Upper Newcastle, Sept. 27, by Rev. M. P. King, John D. Baily, to Miss Amy McDonald, all of Upper Newcastle, Q. Co.

**CORON ESTY**—At the home of the officiating clergyman, St. John Street, Woodstock, N. B., Mr. Kenneth Colson of William Mass, to Miss Laura Esty of Woodstock, N. B.

**FOWLER FLOYD**—At the home of the bride's parents, Central Norton, N. B., Oct. 5th, by Rev. Allan Spidle, Mr. Elisha E. Fowler, son of deacon John Fowler, to Miss M. May Floyd, daughter of Mr. James A. Floyd, both of Central Norton.

**TAYLOR MCCOLLUM**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Upper Brighton, C. Co., Oct. 5th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, assisted by Rev. J. H. Anderson and R. W. Devening, Mr. Jesse Taylor, of Lowell Mass., to Miss Cora E. eldest daughter of J. E. McCollum, Esq., Upper Brighton.

**KELLY-ERB**—On Sept. 28 at the residence of the bride's parents, Calgary, Alta., by Rev. J. W. Litch, B. A., Arthur Chas. Kelly of the Dominion lands office, Calgary, and only son of Rev. E. W. Kelly to Lottie Elberta Erb only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Erb, late of St. John.

**McKENZIE MOTT**—At the home of the bride's sister Campbellton, Sept. 21st, by Rev. J. W. Keirstad, B. A., George G. McKenzie, to Mrs. Mary L. Mott both of Campbellton.

**CRONKHITE-PATTERSON**—At Middle Southampton, York Co., on the 28th inst., by Rev. J. J. Barnes,

Mr. Richard L. CronkHITE and Miss Mable Annie Patterson, second daughter of Stephen Patterson both of Middle Southampton.

**FAIRLEY COGGAN**—At the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Charles Scribner, Long Point, Kings Co., Sept. 28th, by Rev. S. J. Perry, William J. Earle and Lena Maud Coggan, both of Springfield K. Co.

**SANDORNS FOLKINS**—At Portland, Me., on September 1st, by Rev. J. Lewis Malvern, D. D., Charles Freeman SandorNS and Harriet Ann FolkNS, daughter of Mrs. M. A. and the late Geo. A. FolkNS, formerly of New Brunswick.

### Died.

**KILLEN**—At Robinson Settlement, Oct. 5, Joseph Killen aged 29 years; he was a standing member of the Pentecostal Baptist church. A widow and one son survive him.

**DARRAH**—At his home in Smithtown, Kings Co., N. B., Oct. 1st, 1904 Mr. Wm. H. Darrah, in the 61st year of his age. The deceased was a sufferer for some months of cancers which ended his earthly life. Mr. Darrah was a much respected citizen of his community which was amply shown by the large concourse of people that assembled at the home of the house and cemetery. A widow, two sons and one daughter remain to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Rev. Allen Spidle, of Hampton Village conducted the funeral services.

**JACKSON**—At the "Kennedy" House, St. Martins, N. B., September 17th, Mary, widow of Epps Jackson, aged 93 years and six months. In the death of our dear sister there has passed away one of the oldest inhabitants of St. Martins. For some time past her health has been feeble with failing faculties, and her end came very peacefully. She had been most faithfully attended by her unmarried daughter, Miss Joanna Jackson, who occupies an important position in the well known hotel conducted by Mr. Joseph Kennedy. For years she has resided with this daughter. Our departed sister was piously trained. Her mother was one of the earliest members of the St. Martins church, and a most devoted Christian. Though this religious influence did not remain with her, she did not bear down in perdition until late in life. She was baptized in Everett, Mass., when 40 years of age. Upon returning to St. Martins in 1831 she united with the church here of which she continued a consistent member until called to join the church triumphant above. She leaves three daughters and one son to mourn the loss of a good mother.

**STEEVES**—On Tuesday Sept. 20th, Joseph H. Steeves passed into rest at the home of his daughter Mrs. Harriet Steeves, Salem, Albert County, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Steeves was born in Salem and spent the most of his life there. On July 3, 1830, Mr. Steeves was married to Mary Bray. They had four sons and three daughters. The sons are: Fred, who lives on the home-land; R. V. Ormer, pastor of the Baptist church, Newcastle; Rev. C. L. Bay, pastor of the Baptist church, Ballin; and Fred, merchant in Dover, N. H. The daughters are: Mrs. Susan Steeves, Mrs. B. Sharp and Mrs. Warren Jones. Mr. Steeves was baptized by the late John S. Lynde. For many years he was a faithful and consistent member of the First Baptist church. He was a man of retiring and quiet disposition. His work was not done, but he would enter most readily into personal conversation, proving himself to be a most enjoyable companion. He was a man who feared God, and walked before his family as a true child of God, ordering a light both his conduct and conversation. His was an ideal home—a home where God's Word was honored, a home where God's Word was honored, a home where God's Sabbath was strictly kept. No wonder that from such a home should come men and women who would carry this Christian spirit into their homes and become workers, true and noble in the church of Christ. As a strong Christian man in the community Mr. Steeves will be greatly missed. He was loved and respected by all his neighbors and friends. He was faithful in his attendance at his church services and loyal in his support of the cause of God. This was the first break in the family. While attending a picnic at Salem, he suffered a slight stroke. This was followed by another in a few weeks which terminated this sweet Christian life. From the scene of suffering, he passed into the glory of his Saviour. "Peace be to his soul, he doth not sleep, he hath awakened from the dream of life" his death was but the opening of the chrysalis to let the winged creature out. Having finished his course and having kept the faith, he passed in triumph to the glory of his Saviour, who loved him and gave himself for him. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. Camp of Sussex, an able pastor and strong friend of the deceased. The funeral sermon was preached in the presence of a large congregation from 1 Tim. 4: 8. Rev. John W. Barnes, in a present spoke of pleasant remembrances of the departed and offered prayer. All the members of the family were present to pay the last tribute of respect to one dearly beloved and deeply mourned. May God bless the widow in her deep affliction and graciously sustain the sons and daughters in their sad bereavement.

When two at a burden lift each is twice as strong  
When two can sing together, blither is the song.