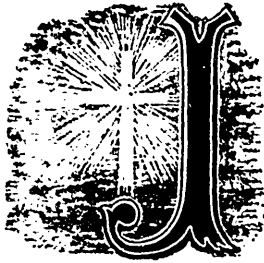


He (Jesus) became obedient to the death of the Cross.—Phil. ii. 8.

### The Illuminated Cross.



**N**UDGING from the reports made by visitors to Russia on the occasion of the coronation of the present Czar, the scenes were magnificent and striking. Among the many illuminations, the Kremlin Palace was lighted up by electricity. On the summit there is an immense

cross, up which a sailor climbed and fixed the ropes which elevated the workmen who placed the incandescent lights. When the machinery was set in motion, the cross was the only part of the building which was lighted, and in the dark night it shone with glorious brilliancy. So great was the effect produced on the people that some school-girls who had been dancing during the season of Lent, were stricken with remorse, supposing the cross to be a supernatural appearance against their sin. Oh, that the cross of our Lord might thus appear brilliant in this dark world, and that men might see it and mourn! Some day they will, when their eyes shall be opened. Then the cross shall glow with glory, for the coronation of the King of all the world shall have come. Let us look out, and lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh.—*Selected.*

LONGING desire prayeth always, though the tongue be silent. If thou art ever longing thou art ever praying. When sleepeth prayer? When desire grows cold.—*Augustine.*

SOME double their burdens through life by loading their conscience with sin.

### The Lesson of Patience.



**A**CERTAIN lady had met with a serious accident, which necessitated a very painful surgical operation and many months' confinement to her bed. When the physician had finished his work and was taking his leave, the patient asked: "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here helpless?"

"O, only one day at a time," was the cheery answer; and the poor sufferer was not only comforted for the moment, but many times during the succeeding weary weeks did the thought,

"Only one day at a time," come back with its quieting influence. I think it was Sidney Smith who recommended taking "short views" as a good safeguard against needless worry; and One far wiser than he said: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

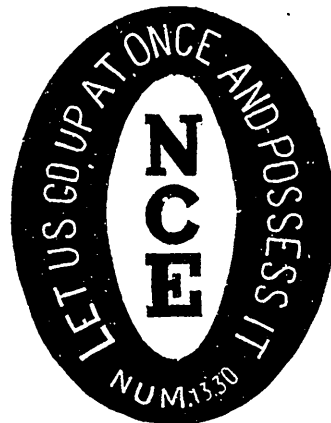
**S**PEAKING to a missionary returned from the Congo about a little black boy he had brought over with him, whom he trusted was really converted, I asked him, on what ground he placed his confidence: what evidence the boy gave.

He told me this story:—One morning, soon after his arrival in England, some one began to ridicule the boy on account of his colour. He did not get angry, but quietly turning to the girl who taunted him, said "I would rather have a black skin and a white heart, than a white skin and a black heart." It was a beautiful rebuke. May you, my reader, be able to say that you have a heart cleansed and changed by Grace divine.

God forgives thee thy sins, not because thou feelest them and art sorry, but because He has promised to forgive for Christ's sake.

### THE GOSPEL ALPHABET. No. 15.

Christ was **ONCE** offered to bear the sins of many. Heb. ix. 28.  
He died unto sin **ONCE**. Rom. vi. 14.  
This he did **ONCE** when he offered up himself. Heb. vii. 27.



Free from the law, oh happy condition!  
Jesus hath bled, and *there* is remission!  
Cursed by the law, and bruised by the fall,  
Grace hath redeemed us once for all.

Once for all, O sinner, receive it,  
Once for all, O brother, believe it;  
Cling to the Cross, the burden will fall,  
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.

Christ hath suffered **ONCE** for our sins. 1 Pet. iii. 17.  
It is appointed unto men **ONCE** to die. Heb. ix. 27.  
He that is perverse shall fall at **ONCE**. Prov. xxviii. 18.