

life. The light of God in the soul will illumine the darkness around.

3. It should be well *furnished*. The Christian needs to be ready to account for his faith. He must be furnished for every good word and work. His mind should be stored only with remembrance-pictures upon which he can look with tranquillity and delight.

4. We must remember that we are not *freeholders* or *absolute possessors of that house—we only have it on lease*. We have it only on conditions, and must surrender it at the discretion of the owner. Nor must we look upon it as being our "everlasting home." It is but a temporary temple. The beams and rafters will be taken down, and the tenant will depart. This is beautifully set forth in Tennyson's poem of "The Empty House," beginning,

"Life and Thought have gone away
Side by side,
Leaving doors and windows wide;
Careless tenants they."

5. *The tenant is more precious than the house he lives in*. The soul is of infinitely more worth than the body. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Fair though the house may be, fairer, more beautiful still, is the tenant, radiant with the love that God bestows. And when this "house of our earthly tabernacle" is vacated, there is a place prepared by the Saviour for those who love him. The house may be vacated and look deserted, but the tenant is in a sunnier land enjoying the higher conditions of eternal life. J. P. H.

Lawlessness.

[Suggested by a sermon by George Dana Boardman, D.D.]

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.—Judges xxi. 25.

Why detain an audience of Christian patriots with the theme of Israel's anarchy? Because there is a tendency to lawlessness—a tendency

so universal and powerful as to be almost irresistible. This spirit of lawlessness is seen in our own land and time under the form of

1. Avowed anarchy.
2. A human sovereignty declaring itself supreme. Failing to recognize God.
3. Selfishness, in the form of avarice, ambition and monopoly.
4. Intemperance.
5. Irreligion.
6. Individualism.

The Christian's Confidence.

[Suggested by a sermon by Dr. A. J. F. Behrends.]

Fret not thyself . . . Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.
—Ps. xxxvii. 1-7.

Fret not. Be not like a bird against the wires of its cage; complain not fretfully against your environments.

Rest in the Lord—better, be *dumb before the Lord*; not the silence of paralysis, nor of doubt, but the silence of confidence.

Wait patiently. Not for God only, but *upon* him, by his side—an *active* waiting.

The Cross of Christ.

1. The cross *typified*. Num. xxi. 8; John iii. 14, 15.
2. The cross borne *by* Jesus. John xix. 17.
3. The cross borne *for* Jesus. Luke xxiii. 26.
4. Christ took the cross even unto *death*. Phil. ii. 8.

He Leadeth Us.

1. Into a storm. Matt. vii. 23.
2. Into green pastures. Ps. xxiii.
3. Safely. Ps. lxxviii.
4. Through depths. Ps. cvi. 9.
5. In the right way. Ps. cvii. 7.
6. In paths not known. Isa. xl. 11.
7. Up into the Father's house. John xxiv. 23.

Revival Service.

The Opportune Present.

For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of