

a readiness to engage in earnest evangelistic efforts to promote the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers.

The life of Dr. Williams offers another beautiful illustration of the way in which a personal experience of saving grace lifts men and women up into usefulness and honour, to which without this they would never have attained. Here we see an unfriended orphan boy crossing the Atlantic to Canada. He is savingly converted to God. The grace that renewed his heart quickened his intellect and awakened a hunger for knowledge. He became a minister of the Gospel, and in due time became a prince in the Church of God, living a useful life and dying in the triumphs of faith, all as the result of his conversion. The great lesson which this teaches is that nothing but personal godliness can fit us to do the work of life successfully and to triumph in death. The moment must come to all, when all that the world honours and seeks after will seem as nothing in comparison with the character and experience which result from living union with Christ.

“The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave”

are not worthy to be compared with the life of a brave and godly man, who in all circumstances has been true to himself, his fellowmen and his God.

GOD'S SMILE.

As sunshine o'er the hill-tops
With glory lights the sky,
And clouds of gray are turned to gold
Before the gazer's eye :
Transformed to pillared pearl
And ruby radiance rare,
The sun thus builds a palace,
Of what was cold and bare.

So out of cold gray clouds of sorrow,
And mountain tops of strife,
God's smile can build a palace,
For the pure and noble life :
Not changing back to gray
With the setting of the sun,
But growing in its glory
While the endless ages run.

—T. R. Earl.