

in the scope of his capabilities, working for a time at the shoe factory, and later as a cigar maker with J. E. Stevens, at which latter vocation he became quite proficient, faithfulness and persistence being the chief characteristics of his life.

"To-day those who have known him in the past, and have been accustomed to see him laboriously and slowly working himself along the streets, would scarcely recognize in the erect bearing and easy walk the same Arthur Fitzjohn they have known in the past. And his cure is as real as it is miraculous. The young man had been led to thoughts of higher life as represented by the Christian faith and became interested in religious meetings held by the Free Methodist people of Belding. He went to these meetings as an earnest seeker after salvation rather than a cure from his physical infirmities. He succeeded in the former commendable purpose, and with it came the unlooked for relief from the deformity which has rendered his past life one of constant suffering.

"At the time of his conversion he had given this phase of the matter no attention whatever, but in a day or two he noticed something of a change for the better and hope sprung up that he might find relief from bodily as well as spiritual afflictions. It was made the subject of prayer and in a day or two the crutches were cast aside and Arthur went out into the world again walking erect and almost as sprightly as though he had never been anything but a sound man. He says that he grows stronger every day and feels perfectly well in every particular, and a happier boy does no live in all the wide world.

"Some time ago, through the kindness of a number of his friends, he became the possessor of the wheel chair by means of which in pleasant weather he went to and from his work. Realizing that he has no further need of this vehicle, his first thought after his sudden and miraculous healing was to find some one who was in need of this means of locomotion and make them a present of it. We believe it has been given to George Curtis, who lives just east of the city and who is not able to move about without artificial means. There is absolutely no question as to the cure that has come to this young man or as to the means which has brought it about. Skeptics or materialists may philosophize to their hearts' content, but the stubborn fact still remains patent and uncontradictable, that the power of the man of Galilee is yet an important factor in the world, and the case we have in hand is but one exemplification of this power in the healing of both mind and body."—*Free Methodist*.

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BY EVANGELIST RUSSEL.

You can never settle down in Christ till you settle up with God.

Every time an anointed minister goes into the pulpit, for some soul the Judgment seat is set.

Multitudes throng Jesus, that never touch Him; it is the touch of faith that brings life and health from the medicated hem.

If you want to find a crow, sow corn; if an eagle, throw out carrion; and if you want to find the Spirit born soul, sow the Word of God.

Children's Circle.

J. McD. K.

We are very apt to regard God as being like unto ourselves.

If we could understand His great Father, loving heart, how easy it would be to love and serve Him.

We must keep the thought of God in our minds, and to do this we must have Jesus in our hearts. "Thou God seest me" is a great comfort in life's trials and perplexities.

He Is Awake.

Little folks sometimes see things that are hidden from the eyes of those who are older.

One moonlight night, after the house lights had all been put out, a little 4 year-old girl, afraid of the dark, asked her widowed mother: "Mamma, is the moon God's light?"

"Yes, Ethel," her mother answered, "the moon and the stars are all God's lights."

Then came the next question from the little girl: "Will God blow out His light and go to sleep, too?"—*Y.*

God's Day.

When Daisy comes down to breakfast on Sunday morning it is usually with a more winsome smile than general on her rosy face, and her voice is always softer and sweeter, it seems, than on other days.

"I wonder how it is, mamma," said Mr. Denton one day, "that our Daisy is always so much happier on Sundays than on week days?"

Then Daisy spoke bravely from her place on her father's knee, "You see, papa, Sunday is God's day, and I want to make it as nice a one for Him as I can."

"Bless you, dear," said the father, tenderly; "it's right for you to do so, and for everybody else to do likewise."—*Se.*

The Safest Bank.

"When I am a man," said Tom, "I intend to put my money in the safest bank in the world."

"Which bank is that?" inquired Tom's father.

Tom hadn't thought of the matter.

As he talked it over with his father, he found there were more things than he had dreamed of to render banks uncertain—fire, flood, burglars, panics, dishonest employees, so that even the strongest in the world might be compelled to suspend payment.

"But papa," Tom asked in dismay, "isn't there one sure of keeping his promises?"

"There is One who has never forgotten or broken a promise. His promises are dated thousands of years back. They are scattered over the world. Not one of them has ever been refused redemption."

"O, that's the bank for me!"

"Here is a check-book."

He handed Tom a Bible.—*Christian Endeavor World.*

Why Am I a Christian?

1 Because "Christ came into the world to save sinners."—1 Tim. 1:15.

2 Because the Son of God "loved me and gave Himself for me."—Gal. 2:20.

3 Because He "bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness."

4 Because "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."—John 3:36.

5 Because "there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."—Rom. 8:1.

6 Because "God hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit."—1 Thess. 4:8.

7 Because "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3:8.

8 Because "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . taking vengeance on them . . . that obey not the gospel." 2 Th. 1:7.

9 Because "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Rom. 8:28.

10 Because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"—Ph. 4:13.

11 Because He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—Heb. 13:5.

12 Because "the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom. To whom BE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER."—2 Tim. 4:18.

How He Became a Minister.

Among Chicago's celebrated ministers, none is more widely known than the brilliant and witty Baptist pastor, Rev. P. S. Henderson, D. D. He was recently interviewed by the *Advocate*, and among others the question was asked how it was that he entered the ministry. He gave this interesting reply:

"Well, in my childhood I thought that the biggest thing on earth was to be a minister. My father's house was headquarters for ministers, and I saw more of them than I did of Congressmen, and they seemed great. I played preacher to the colored children, for we lived in Virginia, and to all other children who would listen. I was also called upon to make speeches to older people. They put me up on a table and I rattled away. At the age of twelve I went to college and graduated at sixteen, but afterwards took a further course in the University of Virginia. Then I studied law, and thought of going to Congress. But at twenty-three I had a dream which greatly alarmed me for I dreamed that I had died and gone to judgment with nothing to show for my life. I was glad to wake up and find the sun shining and the birds singing instead of the clods rattling on my coffin. It was Sunday, and I went to meeting. There was a great gathering. The woods were full of horses and buggies, but the preacher did not come. Inasmuch as I was a college man, the people made me take his place. I do not know how I got on, but in a few weeks I was pastor of the old home church, and from that I went to Philadelphia, and then came to Chicago."—*Se.*

The Word without the fire has filled the Church with formalism, the fire without the Word has threatened her with fanaticism.—*Se.*