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My Bible

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I have a Bible that was given me when I was twelve years old. I do not use it now. I have a larger one for my study. But the other day I opened it, and was interested in noting the parts I had delighted in reading when a boy. Isaiah and the Psalms, parts of Genesis and of the Minor Prophets, the Gospels and Epistles, are thumbed and marked and soiled.

Around that little book gathers much of what is precious in my past. I see myself an apprentice twelve miles from home. I see my room—no carpet, no curtain, no pictures, a bed, a chair, a table, a tallow candle, and my Bible. Thank God for that Bible. It put iron in my blood and firmness in my will, and gave me power over temptation.

It is a good thing for every boy to have his Bible, and to get into the habit of reading some part of it every day. Some people like to keep their Bibles clean. But the clean Bible is generally the unread Bible. Read, and mark, and commit to memory. Great thoughts feed the soul, and the Bible is filled with great thoughts—thoughts that come from the very heart of God.

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Enlisting

It is at the Captain's call: the great Captain, who speaks with the authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords; and with the sweet persuasiveness, too, of One who seeks to enlist men for service in which both He and they will find joy, as well as honor.

The way is easy: it is but to say, "My Lord, and my God", simple words, which

we have known from infancy; to say it with the sincerity with which the recruit makes oath to serve king and country.

But the step is irrevocable. Once enlisted, always true, is the watchword of the soldier of the Cross; and this is no hardship, but a perpetual gladness. As well think of abjuring allegiance to native land, as of turning aside from the service of the Eternal Lord and King.

When the summons to enlist in His service sounds out, there is really no choice; that is, no choice that does not beggar and blast. "He that is not with Me, is against Me," are His own words. And to be against the King of glory is to join company with Judas, and Caiaphas, and Pilate.

It is a rare privilege to enlist young. Even veteran enemies are not debarred, so gracious is our Captain: they may turn and serve; but the glory, and the reward are to those who are with Him from the first and in the whole campaign.

"Just as I Am"

The Supplemental Hymn, Second Quarter

By *Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A.*

It was a magnificent, world-pealing song of praise, the "Supplemental Hymn" for the First Quarter—God's might and majesty, God's grace and righteousness, and these to be proclaimed throughout all the generations of men.

This Quarter, it is the personal note—how one poor, trembling sinner finds his way into the enfolding love of "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

A great preacher said of Charles Wesley's, "Jesus, Lover of my soul", "I would rather