

charge upon the rejoicing Church. But enthusiasm is an individual thing. It takes hold of the heart of one and communicates to another, and so spreads from one to another until the depth and glow of feeling has inspired the body with a great motive.

On the tablet to the memory of Gen. Gordon are these words: "Maj.-Gen. George Charles Gordon, who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering and his heart to God." It is by such personal consecration, and by the example of such devotion and self-sacrifice that the contagion of enthusiasm will pass from one to another and great works be accomplished for God and man.—*Spirit of Missions*.

COMFORT IN SICKNESS.

SINCE we cannot promise ourselves constant health, let us endeavour at such a temper as may be our best support in the decay of it. Uranus has arrived at that composure of soul, and wrought himself up to such a neglect of everything with which the generality of mind is enchanted, that nothing but acute pains can give him disturbance; and against these, too, he will tell his intimate friends, he has a secret which gives him present ease. Uranus is so thoroughly persuaded of another life, and endeavours so sincerely to secure an interest in it, that he looks upon pain but as a quickening of his pace to a home where he shall be better provided for than in his present apartment. Instead of the melancholy views which others are apt to give themselves, he will tell you that he has forgot he is mortal, nor will he think of himself as such. He thinks at the time of his birth he entered into an eternal being, and the short article of death, he will not allow an interruption of life, since that moment is not of half the duration as is his ordinary sleep. Health to him is more than pleasure to another man, and sickness less affecting to him than indisposition is to others.—*Richard Steele, 1711*.

A FRIEND is never lost. An ocean may separate friends, but they are none the less truly friends for being on opposite sides of an ocean. Nor is death more of a divider than an ocean. Friends separated by death are friends as truly as they were when they sat side

by side, or face to face, here in the flesh. Friends united in Christ are friends eternally.—*S. S. Times*.

"STAND FOR THE RIGHT."

"Stand for the right! Humanity
Implores with groans and tears
Thine aid to break the fettering link
That binds her toiling years.

"Stand for the right!

Though falsehood reigns,
And proud lips coldly sneer;
A poisoned arrow cannot wound
A conscience pure and clear."

Read that again, young man, and rightly conclude that it was meant for you. Resolve that you will stand for the right. Pray for strength to act. Think for yourself, know that your purposes are high, noble and firmly fixed, then either fall fighting or stand a conqueror. "Dare all that may become a man; who dares do more is none." Depend upon yourself, keep steadily in the ranks, swerve not an inch, move upward as well as onward. Look well to the ways of your footsteps. Touch not, taste not that which will harm you. Don't go to your grave one-third whiskey, one-third tobacco and the remaining third corruption. Be true to yourself. Be honest and fair with your fellow-man. Remember that the first cigar and the first drink are dangerous things. When it is said of a man that he drinks and it is proven, what business man wants him for bookkeeper? Who can trust him? What dying man would appoint him as his executor? He may be years building his reputation. Crash! down it goes! There are many young men who have a reputation, and their good names are their only capital. Your father may have started you out in city life. He could only give you an education, but he started you under Christian influence. You have come to the city. You are now striving to achieve your fortune under God by your own right arm. Now see to it, brother, that there is no doubt of your sobriety. Do not create suspicions by any odor of your breath, by any peculiar glare of your eyes, or any unnatural flush of the cheek, but press forward and upward. "Go forward" trusting in Him who "is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."—*Selected*.

'God nothing does nor suffers to be done'
But thou would'st do thyself, if thou could'st
see
The end of all things here as well as He.
—*Selected*.

SYMPATHY.

OH! Lord I pray Thee henceforth let the shadow of self fall behind not before—and it will if the soul abides in the quietness the Lord giveth. Yes the quietness and confidence wherein strength is God's gift, hence the preciousness of it, for the giver makes the value of the gift. Let us try to discover why by quietness of soul strength is obtained, and note that growth in strength is a sure outcome of silence in regard to our own sorrows, cares and perplexities. But before we can take the first step, we must "put Him between oneself and one's grief," and even it will take a long time to learn, because one is slow to take in the stilling of self acting that God may act in us.

Darkness—and waiting—yes, they both have their own lesson, for spite the souls sureness of the Everlasting Arms that support with an upholding clasp that only the sorrow-touched know. God sends the affliction, and He means sorrow to be sorrow and to do its work, else where were the chastening of His love? And if there were no darkness how could we learn the obedience of faith? the patient waiting for the day to break when the shadows flee away?

Sometimes we feel the lack of sympathy, but there is a precious side even to this craving, because in it our Lord meets us very closely, for when on earth He too felt it. The hours of great loneliness, and when you feel you are not fully understood, it will help you to follow this thought, for even if it lead "into the cloud" you will know He entered the cloud before you. He knows all about the trial of loneliness—all about it.

And I do think we grow stronger when we accept our trials silently, knowing the infinite hand behind the clouds gives only the sorrows we can bear, and remembering if He multiplies them they who suffer much are like those who know many languages, they are learning to understand and be understood by all.

But never fail to remember whatever the weight of Christ's anguish His heart was always open to the needs of others; and if we follow Him, we too, must keep open eyes and open hearts for the burdens those about us may be called to carry, and that perhaps our sympathy can make less heavy. The sweetest of