

There was only one conclusion, so had Dr. Gamaliel read the experience of the past. And the conclusion was this,—“ye cannot overthrow it.”

The truth of the conclusion has not been mitigated by history. Over and over again through the ages has experience iterated the doctor's dictum, “ye cannot overthrow it.”

The apostles, Gamaliel, and the council chamber are indeed of the past. But the truth of that day is not of the past. It is the truth of this day and all succeeding days,—“If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it.”

As to opposition by mobs and councils or any other force whatever, they cannot overthrow it. Kings, courts, and standing armies on the other side, notwithstanding, the truth howsoever poorly uttered, one and all of them are powerless against it.

Simply “if it be of God”, the teacher may labor on in supreme confidence that the power behind his message is unvarying yesterday, to-day, and forever.

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Our Holidays

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Jesus had sent forth His disciples on their first preaching tour, and, after a season of great success, they reported to Him what they had said and done. The multitude had become enthusiastic, crowds flocked from all parts to hear the new missionaries, so great in fact was the excitement that the “disciples had no leisure so much as to eat”.

The Master, who knew the disciples and also the multitude, called His followers away from their work, and commanded them to rest. “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.” We might suppose that He would rather have said: “This is the opportune moment, the people are anxious to hear the gospel, anxious to learn more. Strike while the iron is hot, spare not yourselves. Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.” Instead of that, He commanded rest.

According to the methods and teachings of Christ, rest is as imperative as work. We have all listened to the doc-

trine of the strenuous life and obeyed it; we have laid due emphasis on the value of work; we must also understand the nature and value of rest.

There is no more need of an apology for taking a holiday than there is for engaging in work. The constitution of things demands both. Rest presupposes work, and the best work is largely conditioned on the rest that comes through a wise use of our holidays. We are told that men can do more and better work in eleven months than they can do in twelve.

It must be remembered, however, that the secret of enjoying rest is not merely found in a relaxation from our daily work, in an outing to mountain or seaside, but rather in the state of one's own mind. There are many who spend much time and money amidst some of the most delightful spots of God's world and yet never enjoy rest; while others are confined day after day within the narrow limits of their office or home experience and enjoy the blessing of a calm and contented life in harmony with God and man.

John Bunyan as a prisoner in Bedford jail took one of the most interesting trips of which we have ever read. What strange countries he visited! What quaint people he met! What a variety of experiences he passed through! And this because the pilgrim had learned the secret of finding joy and peace and rest, not in outward conditions, over many of which we have no control, but in the inner life which, if rightly related to God, enjoys “the peace which passeth all understanding”.

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The Secret of Service

By Rev. John H. MacVicar, D.D.

Is not the secret of Christian service very largely bound up in our personal recognition of what we owe to Christ, in view of the ransom which He has effected? The voluntary offering of ourselves, in living sacrifice, cannot be otherwise viewed than as our “reasonable”, or logical, “service”. For if the great truths of the gospel have any logical bearings at all, it is out of the question that, after all Christ has done for us, we should