

ADVANTAGE OF A STRONG PHYSIQUE.

The World, of London, in speaking of the late Lord Napier, of Magdala, notices as a remarkable fact his indifference to being wounded. He seemed to take little incident of being shot as quite an ordinary affair, and recovered from his wounds with surprising rapidity. Two of his wounds, it says, he had not cared to notice at all in his record of services furnished to Hart's Army List. He was severely wounded at Ferozeshah in December, 1845, but had recovered in time to take part in the battle of Sohraon seven weeks later. Before Multan, in the middle of September, 1848, a cannon shot all but took his leg off, but he was marching and fighting again by the second week in November. On the 12th of January following he was severely wounded in the trenches, but he was able to march several hundred miles across country, and fight at Gujerat one month later to a day. He was shot in the first relief at Lucknow, but nevertheless rode out the next day and brought in the rear guard, after which throughout the blockade he did continuous and arduous service. At a second relief he was severely wounded, but this did not hinder him from taking up the active duty of Chief Engineer at Alumbagh a few days later. No man ever had more the *mens sana in corpore sano*.

RIGHT AND WRONG USES OF AFFLICTIONS.

It is not always the case that those who have suffered and sorrowed under bitter afflictions, sympathize most readily with those who are passing through the same bitter experiences. Undoubtedly the results of affliction ought to be to bring into a closer and heartier sympathy all those who are called to pass through trials. Just as undoubtedly, in a majority of cases, we see no such results. Frederick Maurice puts this matter very forcibly, when he says "Adversity is in itself as little gracious as prosperity. Mortal death may be the fruit of the one as much as of the other." The only safety from the deadening influence of sorrow, lies in a turning from man to the pitying and merciful heavenly Father, with sincere confession of his superior wisdom, and with earnest prayer that his effective dispensations may draw us nearer and more dutifully to him. That which made David, crushed by afflictions, more than ever before a man of God, will, if rightly used, mould us into the same likeness.

RADICAL DISAGREEMENT.

An Edinburgh minister on one occasion happening to visit a resident of his parish asked what church he was in the habit of attending. The man answered that he had belonged to a certain congregation, but that he and others would not assent to certain views which were accepted by the major-

ity, and they had therefore formed a secession. "Then you worship with those friends?" "Well, no; the fact is, I found that there were certain points on which I could not conform, so I seceded." Oh, then I suppose you and your wife engage in devotion together at home?" "Well not precisely. Our views are not quite in accord, so she worships in that corner of the room, and I in this."

THE BISHOPS ON BIBLE STUDY.

The following is from the concluding portion of the pastoral letter issued by the House of Bishops of the P. E. Church of the United States:

"We would not close our brief consideration of the Faith, its securities and its relations to modern life, without most grateful reference to our enlarged opportunities for the study and understanding of God's Holy Word. We hail with deep, heartfelt satisfaction every pious undertaking by which the knowledge of the sacred Scriptures is brought home to men. The advances made in Biblical research have added a holy splendor to the crown of devout scholarship; and the wide distribution of the oracles of God must forever mark with gracious distinction this Christian century. The merciful marvel of the great Pentecost is, in a sense, repeated, when multiplied versions of the Bible enable the scattered nations to read in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. This priceless possession, this heavenly manna of the pilgrim Church, is the people's Book, open and free to all men. As it is impossible to estimate the blessed influence which it has already exercised upon the life and character of our English speaking race, so let us readily believe that it has a mission for all to whom it shall come in its living power.

There dwells on its sacred pages a light from beyond this world. May that light never be obscured by any earth-born clouds, either of shrinking superstition or irreverent self-will. Let it still be the Book of the home and the family, that its noble and pathetic language may mingle itself purely with the common speech of the worshipping household; and that minds filled with its lofty images and unearthly tone may be bound, as under God they will be, firmly and lovingly to the Faith which it enshrines. No method so potent as this to frame in the soul a vision of eternal truth which shall live there to hallow the life, to resist doubt and disbelief, and point the way to God's perfect peace. Here, as always, your Bishops and fellow-servants in Christ commend the Holy Scriptures to your faithful, reverent love and constant daily use. —'St. Andrew's Cross.'

LITERARY NOTE. — Prebendary Row's new book will be published next week by Thomas Whittaker. Its title is "Christian Theism: a brief and popular survey of the evidences upon which it rests; and the objection urged against it considered and refuted."

"TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD."

Miss Haverdale has said: "Every year, I might almost say every day, that I live, I seem to see more clearly how all the rest and gladness and power of our Christian life hinges on one thing, and that is, 'taking God at His word,' believing that He really means exactly what He says, and accepting the very words in which He reveals His goodness and grace, without substituting others or altering the precise moods and tenses which He has seen fit to use." — *Christian Observer*.

An engineer said that not long ago they were puzzled by some new telephone wires that had just been put up by refusing to act or by doing so in a discontented and unsatisfactory manner. Upon examination it was found that there were some other wires, running exactly parallel to the first, in the ground under them, and so affected the new ones and rendered them useless. Is it not often the case in life that messages from God to men are diverted, nay, even stopped, by the hidden powers at work in the soul of the hearer?

Not so very long ago, a poverty stricken old man died in a wretched attic in Paris. He had once been wealthy, but around him at the last was but a mighty heap of corks, each inscribed with the date of its drawing. Relics of a reckless bygone: wrecks of a squandered fortune.

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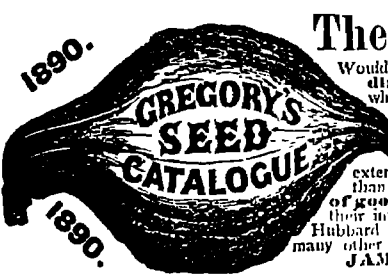
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DIED.

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