

of restoration ; for if we are living in alienation from the Divine harmony, there can be no restoration until we do away with that which has produced this condition.

In the instances I have been presenting to you, if we are indulging our passion in the way of anger, if it comes up every day and we speak unkindly and harshly those things which we know disturb others, and rouse in them the same passions, we know that it brings to us unhappiness every day we live ; for we are living a life of alienation from that which is right. No man can indulge this passion, no man can let this continue, and be truly happy.

Now, what restores us from this ? Why, only the control of this passion. The same gospel, preached by the same Christ, by the same spirit of God, which is the power of God unto salvation, is preached to those who are in alienation from him ; the same Christ appears to those who are living in a state of disharmony, and if they listen to that preaching, it leads them to the forsaking of that ungodly life, and to the giving themselves to a life spiritual, righteous and godly. It means a restoration ; and when we leave off the doing of that thing which is wrong in the sight of God, and come, under the direction of the preaching of this gospel, to that which is right, then it becomes a redeemer and restorer. And the same Spirit or Christ is operating in different ways ; first, for man's salvation, it would come to him as in the beginning to give him light, to direct his life, to preserve him ; but when through disobedience to it, he is cast out from that condition of innocence, as our first parents were by their transgressions, to bring him back into that state where he would be able to enjoy a true communion with the Almighty. It showed Adam where he was, and the means by which he might return, and in this is presented another form of the preaching of the same gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation.

O beloved hearts, let each of us then

in the future give more attention to this preaching ! This does not require that we shall place our attention upon it in the outward, upon that which may fall from the minister's lips when we are gathered together as we are gathered this morning ; but if we are to know the practical working of that Power which would produce happiness in us, it must be by the attention which we pay to the preaching of this gospel within us, this power of God unto salvation.

THE MAPLE.

Oh, tenderly deepen the woodland glooms,
And merrily sway the beeches,
Breathe delicately the willow blooms,
And the pines rehearse new speeches.
The elms toss high, till they brush the sky,
Pale catkins the yellow birch launches,
But the tree I love, all the greenwood above,
Is the maple of sunny branches.

Let who will sing of the hawthorn in spring,
Or the late-leaved linden in summer ;
There's a word may be for the locust tree,
'That delicate, strange new-comer.
But the mapleit glows with the tint of the rose
When pale are the spring-time regions,
And its towers of flame from afar proclaim
The advance of winter's legions.

And a greener shade there never was made
Than its summer canopy sifted ;
And many a day, as beneath it I lay,
Has my memory backward drifted
To a pleasant lane. I may walk not again,
Leading over a fresh green hill,
Where a maple stood, just clear of the wood,
And oh, to be near it still !

Nova Scotia. —Chas. G. D. Roberts.

Train up children in diligence if ever you desire that they should excel in anything. Diligence puts almost everything in our power ; and will, in time, make children capable of the best and greatest things.—*Archbishop Fillolson.*

Well turned periods in eloquence, or harmony of numbers in poetry, however highly we may esteem them, can never be considered of equal importance with the art of unfolding truths that are useful to mankind, and which make us better and wiser.—*Sir Joshua Reynolds.*