

know that the heart that throbs with the being of God sympathizes with your poor troubled spirit. You can rise and say, "Oh, though the fig tree shall not blossom yet shall I trust in Him, have confidence in Him, and rest in His love." Then there is the power of a personal Spirit. When in England he had visited many of the palaces and noted their splendour, (that of Chatsworth in particular.) He followed a guide, and *did not* see what was not shown him. And if we would know the Bible we must know it by something more than human study. Choose God as guide and He will lead into the light. Until the Spirit shows us Christ we cannot know the Bible. The Spirit, we are told, testifies of Christ. There are three things which the Spirit is: the seal, the unction, and the pledge. In saying this he pointed to the testimony of the Holy Ghost. It is that which shows the divinity of the whole Bible. This divinity, sent with the Holy Ghost, testifies to the power of the death of Christ. When the soul, burdened with sin, cries out for help, the Spirit does not point to some moment of time in the coming future, but back to Christ upon the cross, and says, "Behold the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world" and "with His stripes ye are healed." Then there is rest. It is only such when based upon the completeness of Christ's work, and the Spirit bears testimony to the fulness and efficaciousness of the sacrifice. With rest comes peace. There may be days of sorrow and trouble, but our names will be written among the number of those eternally saved.

II. The stumbling. The stone cut out without hands was to Israel a cause for stumbling. In the synagogues of New York, Boston, London, Berlin, Vienna, the Jews read the sublimest passages of the Old Testament. The truths which electrify us, which directed millions of weary feet across the swelling Jordan finding rest in the eternal home, they stumble over and fail to grasp. Their cause for stumbling he would not discuss; but there were three things which occurred to his mind. (1) The stumbling of science. He had not a word to say against science, because science must be true. It must be a limited that a thousand truths may be brought forward and at the same time young men have their doubts on the subject of revelation. This comes alike from the depravity of our own hearts, and from the temptations of Satan. He desired to supply a specific for them all. Take out a person at noon-day whose sight is going and ask him to look towards the sun, and if he cannot see it, one need not take him out at midnight to stare at the stars. If he cannot see the eternal sun, in all his majesty, he cannot see a lesser luminary. There have been men who tried to put aside the bible, who rejected revelation, and yet stood abashed before the calm dignity of the Son of God. All who know Christ take the light from Him. Thus the knowledge of the bible will be as the rising of the sun. It will touch one point, then another, first the highest peak, then lower objects, and at last a flood of sunshine pours upon the plain below so we can see the tiniest of objects. (2) There is another kind of doubting, that which comes from the unwilling heart to receive Him. The devil endeavors to distract everyone who is piously inclined. We are told that even in the Sanhedrim there were those who desired to acknowledge Christ, but on account of the Jews would not do so openly. Another thought occurs—one's own unfitness. There is such a wealth of love in God's name that nothing but penitence is needed. It is good to hear one say he is lost, since they knew that Christ came to save the lost. We have to bring not health but sickness; not richness but poverty; to revolve around the centre who came to give infinite satisfaction for us. (3) The stumbling that comes from the world. He knew something of college life, of the injury of a sneer, of the haughtiness of a cold cynicism which harrows the feelings and makes deep wounds. He asked

them to ignore these sneers, to choose Christ, to stand out from the world. He did not know why Christ tarried, but he knew the Saviour was coming, that the time is short, that believers will be gathered from the world and be separate in union with Christ. Stumbling is a matter of choice. What may be offensive to one may be the power of a mighty life to another. What the Jews stumbled at was a source of life to the Apostle Paul. What one student may pass with haughtiness and an ill-concealed sneer another may take up and find it the beginning of a life that knows its consummation only in the infinitudes of eternity itself.

III. The execution of the choice. When we look at the Bible we find that Christ is invested with universal power, that all crowns and dominions shall serve Him. "His dominions shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the end of the earth." He could not follow it, but he knew that Christ shall reign and sit upon the cycle of the earth. It may be that people shall rise up against Him, that a thousand efforts may be made to dethrone Him, but He must reign. A choice should now be made. To-day He is the lamb; by-and-bye He shall be the lion of the tribe of Judah. In the Isle of Wight is one of the most beautiful little castles in which the traveler is shown the room where the unfortunate daughter of King Charles was incarcerated. It is related that after the world turned its back upon her, the door was opened one day and she was seen sitting with her head bent forward upon a book. She was approached, and then it was learned that her spirit had fled. Her pale finger pointed to the text, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." She found no rest in this pitiless world, no rest for her young spirit. What she found not here she found in Christ. A ship was wrecked at sea and every soul on board perished. All was lost except a clock, which rolled on the restless beach. A glance at it showed when the ship went down. The clock that shows when the ship went down may find its parallel with us. It is just at such a moment that the living Saviour is proclaimed to all. You toss your young head and say "Enough." Let us remember that if Christ be not followed, if the infinite love of the Lord Jesus be not accepted, there remaineth no more offering for sin.

PERSONAL.

NELSONVILLE, Manitoba, contains at least two Queen's men, of whose success we are glad to learn, the Rev. A. H. Cameron and Mr. J. B. McLaren, M.A. The former has decided to go still further west, and will hereafter be found in Turtle Mountain. On leaving the Nelsonville congregation he was given a gold watch and some presents as a send off. Mr. McLaren is doing a thriving law and agency business.

MR. A. NUGENT, B.A., '76, goes to Dunnville, Ont., as headmaster of the High School there. He has been teaching mathematics in Woodstock High School.

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WE would suggest that the Convocation Hall Choir be enlarged, and that regular practices be held. For a chorus of male voices the singing is fine, but we can see nothing to prevent further improvement, except indifference on the part of the members.

THE University Preacher on Sunday 22nd ult., was Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., '80, of Guelph.