

THE UPWARD LOOK

Three Wonderful Experiences.

THE ladies of the Winnipeg Presbyterial had arranged a series of meetings in Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage La Prairie, and other places for me, about ten in all. On my way north by train I caught a severe cold which settled in my chest and throat. I knew the ladies who had asked me were expecting the collections from the meetings to defray my travelling expenses, which would amount to about \$100. Just before reaching Winnipeg, and when feeling quite ill, I was enabled to commit myself definitely into the Lord's hands, trusting Him to give me strength and voice for the meetings.

"The days that followed can never be forgotten, for the bodily weakness, fever, and throat trouble were not removed, except when I was to give my addresses. In each case, though so hoarse before and after speaking as to scarcely be able to speak above a whisper, my voice cleared for the address. For example, while the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) on the Sunday I was in Winnipeg, I was advertised to speak Sunday night in Dr. Gordon's church. At the supper table my voice seemed entirely gone, and I asked Dr. Gordon to be ready to speak should I not be able to do so. Just before my time came, I slipped up on to the platform behind Dr. Gordon who was praying, and oh, how I cried to the Lord for help and courage, for the church was packed, even the Sunday School partition being opened to accommodate the crowd. As Dr. Gordon introduced me I stepped forward, possessed by a feeling of wonderful peace and confidence. It seemed as if I could almost feel One beside me, and never before had I felt so completely and only a channel. For one hour and five minutes I spoke so that every one heard distinctly, but when I sat down my throat seemed again to tighten. Dr. Gordon told me later that he had had a man purposely sit in the most distant and difficult part of the church to hear, and that this man said he had heard every word. So it was till the end of my appointments. In anticipation of further appointments I asked the Lord either to heal my throat, or provide a way for me to get a needed rest. A few days after my return to Toronto, four of the children were taken down with measles, and during the period I was thus forced to cancel all meetings, and my throat was quite recovered."

"On one occasion I was to leave home on a ten days' trip east to Montreal, Ottawa and other places. Just before leaving, word came that the children's Sunday School treat was to take place in my absence. My little Mary had no nice "best" dress fit for such an occasion, and I hoped to get a white wollen dress made for her before starting, but could not. I knew it would be impossible for me to make it while away with so many meetings, so I just prayed that the Lord would undertake for me in this matter. The very day before I left a lady called, saying she had so much wanted to help me in some way, and wondered if she could not do some sewing for me. It was with dim eyes but a grateful heart that I accepted her offer. Then she suggested my leaving her to make a dress for Mary. I left it all to her, and on my return I found that Mary had just the kind of dress I had planned for her—a white cloth one! There is nothing too small for His love. There is nothing too great for His power."

"We were at an out-station in the Wel Howl district, holding special

meetings, when a letter was received from the senior evangelist at Chang Te, asking us to pray for his son, who had, in anger, given up his position as teacher in the boys' school at Chang Te, and was fast going to the bad. My husband wrote to this young man (whom he had known from a child), and asked him to visit us during the special meetings we were then holding. A day or two later the young man turned up, ashamed, and apparently only half willing to stay. We and the Christians kept praying for him, and within a few days he had broken down, confessing his sins. We persuaded him to go with us to our next series of meetings, and both my husband and I felt what a splendid help he would be to us in our work were he to give himself wholly to the Lord for the salvation of souls. For this we prayed. At the second series of meetings he again seemed deeply moved, and it was then the call came to him to preach the Gospel.

"His knowledge of English and his education in the mission schools, having graduated from the high school, fitted him for a much more remunerative position than a simple preacher; but the call was a real one. Firmly and quietly he gave up all his selfish ambitions, and for more than two years he has been my husband's right hand man, giving many proofs of the reality of his conversion and his whole-hearted consecration."—A continuation of incidents, as told by Mrs. Goforth, which go to show the wonderful power of prayer.

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