

AN ALMOST CHRISTIAN.

YOUR moral conduct is worthy of commendation. It is better to be honest than knavish, better to be chaste than impure, better to be honest than stingy, better to attend God's house than to squander your Sabbath in utter neglect of all religion. It is better to be near to the kingdom of Christ than to be in the "far country" of open and reckless sin. The fewer stains on your soul to be washed out, and the fewer bad habits to be given up, the better for you. Your religion is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough to save your soul. Fifteen fathoms of cable will not answer in twenty fathoms of water; that anchor does not touch bottom, and therefore cannot save the vessel. That superb ship "Windermere," that went ashore the other day in a storm on the Deal beach, had sailed prosperously for hundreds of miles; all that went for nothing as long as she did not reach her port, which was but a few miles away. An *almost Christian* in this world may be an utterly *lost sinner* in the next world! Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Christ tells you that. Christ offers you full salvation on the simple conditions that you trust him, obey him, and follow him. You will doubtless acknowledge that you have never taken these decisive steps. Then my friend, if your Bible is true, what hope have you that you will be saved? If you are not in the ark, you are out in the deluge when it comes.—*Dr. Cuyler.*

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LOOK UP, LIFT UP.

Don't dwell much, to yourself or to others, on your misfortunes.

It shows that you are looking rather to second causes than to the one First Great Cause.

It is a selfish thing to do; for others, into whose ears you are pouring your doubts and lamentations, have misfortunes as well as you.

Perhaps your misfortunes are your own fault, even after you have had repeated and mortifying and bitter experiences; in which case your mind should turn not to your misfortunes, but to your own thoughtlessness, idleness, waywardness, wilfulness, foolishness, and sin; but even that is almost wasted time; for if your repentance is sincere, if your purposes are good, you had better turn at once to God for pardon and purity and comfort and help and salvation.

Try to diminish the sorrows of the world. Try to lighten the burdens of the Church. Try to send as little gloom and as much sunshine as possible through the home. If all seems hopeless and dark and drear outside, draw closer together within, and keep as good cheer as you can. If you are not dead yet; if you can have a roof and clothing and health; if you are not utterly destitute of friends, seeing you have God for your friend, keep up faith and hope and love.

Anyhow, heaven is just ahead. Join with Job: Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Tears will soon be wiped from off all faces. The sorrows of life will be overpast.

'Twill all be over soon. What a change from a hovel to heaven! The lowest down here may go highest there. No more rickety stairs to climb! No more haggard faces! No more staring hungry eyes! No more bare bodies, scantily covered with rags! No more scanty larder!

Take Christ's sweet words to your heart and home. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." He is always present in your family circle. He prefers those who do not suffer his heavenly Father's will to his own mother

and brethren and sisters. You are partakers in his sufferings now; you shall share his glory hereafter.—*Christian Standard.*

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A GIFT OF POWER WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL.

BULWER says, "It is not study alone that produces a writer, it is *intensity*." The same principle holds good in every sphere in life especially in that of religious activity. The most successful workers for Christ are not those who have the most comprehensive or complete knowledge of Christian truth but those whose convictions of duty are *intense*, whose love for Christ is supreme and all-absorbing, and whose devotion is enthusiastic. It is the man of warm, strong impulses, intelligently directed, with a well defined object in view, who makes an impression on his fellows and wins them to his side. The converted heathen understood intuitively the philosophy of impression when he wrote home to the missionary society to send them *men of hot hearts*. Those are the kind of men in demand today at home and abroad, men of warm sympathetic hearts, of stalwart faith, and a profound, inwrought conviction of obligation to God.

It is not knowledge alone that produces a successful soul-winner; it is intensity and fulness of soul life.—*Buffalo Christian Advocate.*

CHARMING GIRLS.

The most charming woman in Queen Victoria's court, a few years ago, was one whose features were homely, and whose eyes were crossed. The secret of her attraction lay in certain perpetual bright freshness, in her dress, the turn of her mind, and her temper.

Jane Welsh Carlyle, when an old, sickly, ugly woman, could so charm men, that a stranger meeting her in a stage-coach followed her for miles, post haste, to return a parasol which she had dropped. The charm lay in her bright vacacity of manner, and the sympathy which shone through her keen features.

Margaret Fuller also possessed this magnetic sympathy, in spite of her enormous egotism. Men and women, the poor and rich, felt themselves drawn to open their hearts and pour their troubles to her. Yet Margaret was an exceptionally homely woman.

The popular belief among young girls is, that it is only a pretty face that will bring to them the admiration and love which they naturally crave.

No books, it is said, have a larger sale than those written that give rules for beauty, recipes to destroy fat or freckles, and to improve the skin or figure.

Now, no recipe will change the shape of a nose or the color of an eye. But any girl, by daily baths and wholesome food, and by breathing pure air, can render her complexion clear and soft. Her hair, nails, and teeth can be daintily kept. Her clothes, however cheap, can be fresh and becoming in color.

She can train her mind, even if of ordinary capacity, to be alert and earnest; and if she adds to these a sincere, kindly, sunny temper, she will win friends and love as surely as if all the fairies had brought her gifts at her birth. But it is of no use for a woman whose person is soiled and untidy, and whose temper is selfish and irritable at home, to hope to cheat anybody by putting on fine clothes and a smile for company. The thick, muddy skin, and a sour expression, will betray her.

"John," said an artist the other day to a Chinaman, who