

deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I, the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." One may have the call, then, without the seeming qualification. Sure of the former, he should trust for the latter. If our young brother sees a thing that should be done, let him take hold of it, and, perhaps, the Lord will *make* him to be just the man who should do it.

Mr. H.—I find that the best work is often done by those least able to do it. The poor people in the mountains of Macedonia paid Paul's salary while he was preaching to the rich merchants of Corinth. The Lord used ignorant shepherds to be the heralds of the Incarnation. Show me a willing heart and I will show you a successful worker every time. The prophecy does not say that the saints will have genius, but that they "shall be *willing* in the day of thy power." Let the young brother pray with Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and he will find opportunities opening which will make even his infirmities to be sources of power.

Question.—"Should I forgive one who has offended me before he expresses repentance?"

Answers: A.—Yes, so far as your *feeling* goes. We should never treasure animosity. God's heart must have been forgiving towards sinners before He made atonement. He does not favor us because we are reconciled, but His favor reconciles. The overture for our repentance comes from Him. His Spirit inwardly persuades ours.

B. But while the heart should always be in a forgiving attitude, we should *not thrust* our expression of forgiveness upon one who does not care to have it. This would be to "cast pearls before swine." We should put our pardon, as it were, on deposit, payable to the order of the offending party.

C. We should not wait for a *formal*

apology from an enemy before we tell him of our forgiveness. Pride may prevent the expression of real regret which he feels. We have nothing to do with his pride, except to help him get over it.

D. Make reconciliation easy. Watch for slightest indication of a better disposition in the offender and meet it in such a way as to draw it out. In the parable of the Prodigal the father went to meet his son "when he was afar off."

E. Make all allowance for the estrangement due to mere misunderstanding; and this is, perhaps, the occasion of most alienation. If we could see into each other's hearts reconciliation would come at once. Give your opponent the benefit of the assumption that he is well disposed toward you, notwithstanding his offense, and until you have full evidence that he is not; for the offense may be due rather to circumstances than to evil intent. One joy of heaven will be the reconcilements that will take place when we "know as we are known."

ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE.

Psalm v. The first Protestant colony to the New World was that of the Huguenots sent out under the auspices of Coligny in 1555. It settled on the island known still by the name of the captain of the expedition, Villegagnon, just off the site of the present city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil. When, in 1557, the little band was augmented by co-religionists from Geneva, the new delegation was welcomed in a hut built in the middle of the island, and their work inaugurated by chanting Marot's version of the Fifth Psalm:

"Aux paroles que je veux dire,
Plaise toi l'oreille prester,
Et à cognoistre t'arrester,
Pourquoi mon cœur pense et soupire,
Souverain Sire."

Psalm civ. Jean de Lévy, one of the early Huguenot missionaries in