

### A FRUITFUL LIFE.

A little English girl lived and died unknown to all but her family and her pastor, but the beautiful story of her life was written by her minister, Leigh Richmond, in a tract called "The Daryman's daughter." That little tract fell into the hands of a young English noble who was wasting his splendid intellect in dissipation, and William Wilberforce arose from his perusal a consecrated Christian and became the emancipator of all the slaves in the British Empire.

William Wilberforce wrote a little book called "The Practical book of Religion," and it fell into the hands of an easy-going Scotch preacher who was actually thinking of giving up his pulpit to teach Mathematics; but out of that little book was born the mighty soul of Thomas Chalmers, and out of his life came the Scottish Disruption, the Free Church, and the great movement for Christ and missions which that noble church has led and to which many of us owe our Christian hopes.

How marvellous the chain of Divine working! How mighty the efficiency of a little word! How immortal the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever!—S.

We tend continually to follow human authorities and traditional teachings, which God has continually to break through for us, sending us afresh to His Word, that our faith may not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Thus alone true spiritual health is realized and preserved.—F. W. GRANT.

The work of the cross all passed between God and Christ perfectly alone—of which the outward darkness was the sign—according to the exigencies and righteousness of God; where it must be according to the absolute perfectness of those who wrought it. Men had nothing to do with it; all we had to do with it was our sins, and, we may add, the hatred that killed Christ. It was a divine work about my sins.

Were ever words like Christ's—words of grace, unutterable grace with which He has sought to win us? It is a blessed truth, that before the day of judgment comes, the Judge has come Himself to deliver. Of course you will have to be judged then, if you do not accept the deliverance now!

In the hour of conflict, we feel our weakness, our nothingness, our need. This is good and morally safe. It is well to be brought down to the very bottom of self and all that pertains to it, for there we find God, in all the fullness and blessedness of what He is, and this is sure and certain victory and consequent praise.

Man's true position, his proper attitude, his only place of strength, safety, rest and blessing is to be found in habitual dependence upon the Word of God. This is the life of faith which we are called to live—the life of dependence—the life of obedience—the life that Jesus lived perfectly.

God, His holiness, His majesty, His righteousness, His love, has found His rest in the work and Person of Christ: I have found mine there.