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Opportunities for service often come to us like princes who travel incognito; their greatness is concealed. But the loving heart will make the eye keen to see and the hand quick to do the helpful deed that the moment requires, leaving the results in God's keeping.

Nature is crammed with proofs of God's power and wisdom, of His majesty and might. But only the revelation that culminates in Jesus Christ can give us the certainty that God loves, and loves all mankind. Those who know God in Christ can, with unshaken confidence, proclaim His love to people of every race and clime.

Full of suggestion is the use in the Bible of fire, that purest and most ethereal element, as a symbol of God. It points to the divine energy, always active, now in creation, now in the ordering and controlling of the physical universe, and most wonderfully in the redeeming of the world; to His irresistible might, the security and confidence of all who trust Him; to His ineffable holiness, with its twofold aspect of love towards good and hatred towards evil.

### "Scholars of Heavenly Grace"

Two of the early Moravian missionaries to the West Indies were the physically frail Saxon tailor, Gottlieb Israel, and his companion Feder. Nearing St. Thomas, the ship that carried them was wrecked, and the faithless crew immediately abandoned it in the only lifeboat. With some negroes, the two missionaries sought to save themselves on the rocks against which the vessel had been shattered, hoping from there to reach the land. At last, Feder tried to pass over

the stones between the reef and the shore; but he fell into the water, and was thrown with the full force of the surge against the rocks.

"And what didst thou then?" Israel was afterwards asked. "Then," he replied, "I sang the verse:

'Where are ye, ye scholars of heavenly grace,  
Companions of the cross of our Lord?  
Your hallowed pathway where may we trace,  
Be it at home or abroad?  
Ye breakers of strongholds, where are ye  
found?

Rocks and dens, and the wild waste ground,  
The isles of the heathen, the furious waves,—  
These are from of old your appointed graves!'"

Ours may not be the lot of the missionary or the martyr. But if we are "scholars of heavenly grace", we shall cultivate the spirit that makes missionaries and martyrs. In our humbler place we shall be imitators of their devotion and self-sacrifice.

### Stand Still

By Rev. J. E. Thompson, B.A.

There are few things more difficult than to stand still. It is easier to train men to march in order, than to stand in line. When a photograph is being taken, many find it difficult to stand or even sit still. Standing orders are always less welcome than marching orders. At Waterloo, Wellington ordered certain regiments to form and wait, and they waited all day. It was while they stood that their triumph was won.

Though it is hard to stand still, circumstances arise when nothing else can be done. It was so with Israel at the Red Sea. They were not able to effect their deliverance, yet they were delivered. All they did was to stand still, at God's command, and see it