

from all his iniquities" (all his iniquities!") "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."
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New Every Morning.

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It is said of some Oriental kings that they never appear in the same garment to those who seek an audience. Moreover, that whatever be the garment in which they are attired themselves, their attendants have a duplicate gift ready to present to the stranger or supplicant. It is even so with the Shepherd King of Israel! He ever comes to His needy people arrayed in the garb of some new promise or specially adapted blessing. He comes with the robe of righteousness to the spiritually naked. He comes with a garment of healing for the bruised and broken. He comes with the garment of praise for a spirit of heaviness. For every sorrowing thought of the heart He has a counterpart and corresponding comfort.

"Is it raining, little flower?"

Be glad of rain,
Too much sun would wither thee;
'Twill shine again.
The sky is very black, 'tis true,
But just behind it shines the blue.

"Art thou weary, tender heart?"

Be glad of pain,
In sorrow sweetest things will grow,
As flowers in rain.
God watches, and thou wilt have the sun
When clouds their perfect work have done."

The Duke of Wellington once ordered an officer to perform a difficult service. The general replied, "My lord, I will do the work, but first give me a grasp of your conquering hand." He received a hearty grip, and away he rode to the deadly encounter. Often has my soul said to her Captain: "My Lord, I will do that work if Thou wilt give me a grip of Thy conquering hand." O, what power it puts into a man when he gets a grip of Christ, and Christ gets a grip of him. Fellowship with Christ is the fountain of the Church's strength.—Spurge n.

When one is with a delightful converser, how short the miles appear, and how easily one arrives at his journey's end? So it will be with our journey through life, if every day and all day we talk with Christ as did the Emmaus disciples.

The spirit of Christ in us will be the spirit which is in Him, and will inspire us to go about doing good, seeking and saving the lost and giving ourselves for others.—Alexander McKenzie, D. D.

We must walk with our Master every day, if we expect to walk in the sunlight.—Theodore L. Cuyler.

The April number of Harper's Monthly Magazine gives the first place to a poem by John Finley, entitled "The Sepulchre in the Garden," with a frontispiece illustration. Part IV of "Colonies and Nation" also occupies a prominent place in the Magazine, though fiction seems to predominate this year in every number. We do not grumble, however, when among the fiction are serials such as Miss Wilkins' "Portion of Labor" and Gilbert Parker's "The Right of Way." The short stories, too, are specially good, including the names of William Farquhar Payson, George Bird Grinnel, Mark Twain, Marie Van Vorst, and Gelett Burgess. Harper & Brothers, New York.

Our Young People

For The Dominion Presbyterian.

General Topic—Walking With Jesus.

TOPIC FOR APRIL 21.

Col. 2, 6-7; Gal 5, 16-26.

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Adam living from God, Elijah standing before God and Enoch walking with God, are three singularly forcible and picturesque figures. We hardly need remind ourselves that these expressions are figures of speech and that so little can we express God's nature in human speech that it is only by means of these figures that we can apprehend it at all. The imagination sufficiently illuminates the situation.

In a country where sunny climate tempts to a life in the open air, and the habits of whose people afford abundant opportunities for leisure, what a world of meaning lies in such social fellowship as is here expressed by *walking*. Can two walk together, says Amos, except they be agreed? Are not Harmony, Friendship and Love all suggested by the simple and familiar figure of walking. Adam under a sense of estrangement hid himself from God; but Enoch feeling himself drawn towards God—loved Him and walked with Him.

Probably it is *Friendship* that lies at the core of this social relation—*walking with*. Less might be too little; more might be too much. Friendship strikes the happy mean. But do we appreciate all this simple term means? Do we always realize how much is expressed by natural friendship? It is not the mere claim which one man has upon another because they were born in the same village or sat upon the same school-bench. It is not the acquaintance of neighbors whose lots run side by side and who have learned to like each other from gossiping daily from door to door. It is not the fellowship of roysterers or the chance acquaintance of fellow travellers. Real friendship is always of the nature of spiritual *osmosis*, a passing of ones soul through the limitations of personality into the soul of another. In leal and sooth fast friendship there is always a knitting of soul to soul and the exchange of heart for heart. Jonathan's love for David fulfils all the conditions of the case: "And it came to pass when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

Of fast and firm friends it is a common saying that if you want to find one seek for him in the company of the other. They understand each other well and in each other's company they are at perfect peace. Speech is not always necessary; they have a truer method of divining each other's thoughts and feelings and it is their privilege at times even to be silent. But when the flood-gates of speech are opened, what an outpouring of the mind's wealth there is! Who has not recollections of such a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

Enoch walked with God. How instructive the figure! The shy thought which scarcely ventured to show its face to mortals is tempted out securely in the presence and friendship of love. His doubts, his fears, his sorrows are all unobscured without let or hindrance—What a rapture this luxury of

perfect confidence! Truths mysterious and sublime are unfolded by God, and inspirations are received that carry the soul onward and upward to eternity and Heaven. Said the disciples, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us by the way and as He opened to us the Scriptures." And oftentimes did Enoch's heart burn within him and his soul thrilled with rapture as he walked and talked in the blessed fellowship of God his Friend.

God is still the friend of men. We may meet Him in the morning when we awake. We may walk with Him in the street. We may tell Him our secrets and appeal to Him in every time of need. And those who know Him thus are they who keep alive to best purpose the faith of mankind in the reality of the life and love of God.

Companionship With Christ.

BY ARTHUR W. KELLY.

A visit to Palestine is the cherished dream of many a Christian heart. Whether the country is pictured as beautiful or barren, it wins a beauty from what it has been. What the visitor covets is the joy of treading the ground that once knew the Master's footsteps. Very few can ever set foot upon the Holy Land. But, if we may not follow the paths that Christ once trod with others nine hundred years ago, we may walk with Him in our appointed paths to-day. Our surroundings may not be to our liking, our associations not what we would choose, but our fellowship may be with Him. Did the twelve think much about the dust or stones in the way when they were listening to His words?

The best companionship means guidance. Every step of the road before us is unknown to us. Which of all the turnings are the right ones we cannot tell. To drift along with the crowd is unsafe; we may not leave our problems for others to settle. If we make sure that we are keeping close to the Guide, there will be no danger of straying, no need of perplexity or worry. He is Himself the way. He is no guide to be with us but an hour, but a kind and wise friend to the journey's end. His presence means safety. His council is ever ready, and our worst mistake would be in failure to ask it or to heed it.

A man is known by the company he keeps. The company one keeps, too, may be known by the man. What we call chance association with a fellow traveller on a journey has been enough to change the current of a life. Men took knowledge of the apostles that they had been with Jesus. Two walking together try to keep in step, and whoever has been trying to keep step with the Master will be known by his gait.—Christian End. World.

For Daily Reading.

- Mon., Apr 15—Enoch's example. Gen. 5: 19-24.
- Tues., " 16—Our daily walk. Ps. 116: 5-9; Eph. 4: 1-4
- Wed., " 17—In His steps. Matt. 19: 16-22, 27-29
- Thurs., " 18—Even as He walked. 1 John 2: 3-11
- Fri., " 19—On the way to Emmaus. Luke 24: 13-16, 28-32
- Sat., " 20—True companionship. Mark 3: 31-35; Jas 2: 23
- Sun., " 21—Topic—Walking with Jesus. Col. 2: 6, 7; Gal. 5: 16-26