

Meditation is the soul's telescope, whereby, in her long remove, she discerneth God and heaven, as though they were nigh at hand.

It is distrust of God to be troubled for the future, impatience against God to be troubled for the present, and anger at God to be troubled for the past.—Patrick.

There is a crisis in the life of every impenitent sinner, a season when the Spirit comes to him for the last time, when he must choose between the pleasures of the world and the service of God. You may not know when you pass that crisis.

Ere I am old, oh, let me give
 My life to learning how to live!
 Then shall I meet with willing heart
 An early summons to depart;
 Or find my lengthened days consoled,
 By God's sweet peace when I am old.

TRUST—You have a great trust to commit to God when you die, and God hath a great trust to commit to you whilst you live. If you keep his truths, He will keep your soul, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee" (Rev. iii. 10.) Be faithful to your God, and you shall find him faithful to you.—Flavel.

WEARING OUT FOR CHRIST.—The oil of the lamp in the temple, said M'Cheyne, burnt away in giving light; so should we.

PHILIP O'FLAHERTY.

AN IRISH CONVERT IN THE CAMP.—At a Meeting held in Edinburgh in aid of Turkish Missions, the Rev. Dr. Candlish said:—He held in his hand a letter addressed to the son of the Rev. Mr. Brannigan, who was at present labouring in this city in the cause of the Edinburgh Irish Mission, by an Irish soldier, who dates from Balaklava 29th Sept, 1854. Dr. Candlish then gave a short history of the writer of the letter, from which it appeared that when residing in Ballinglen, in the glens of Antrim, in very poor circumstances, he had been converted from Popery through the instrumentality of Mr. Brannigan. He was afterwards employed as a teacher in the mission school, and he used to teach the boys geography, in Irish, manifesting singular ability in the work. However, from the persecution to which he was exposed on account of his steadfast adherence to the faith of the Gospel, he was ordered to leave Ireland, and enlisted as a common soldier. While the regiment to which he belonged was stationed in Manchester, the religious community felt so much interested in him, in consequence of the consistent Christian character which he maintained, the zealous exertions he made in behalf of prayer meetings amongst the soldiers, and the singular aptitude he evinced for the acquisition of knowledge, his studies being prosecuted under great disadvantages, that a sufficient sum was raised with which to purchase his discharge, although the subscription was limited to each person to 6d., and to present him with a copy of the Scriptures. However, before the procuring his discharge could be arranged, for the purpose of employing him amongst his fellow-countrymen, tidings came from the Horse Guards that no soldier could be bought off. He afterwards went to the East with his regiment, the 7th Fusilier Guards, and, while there, had acquired such an intimate knowledge of the Greek and Turkish languages that honorable mention had been made of him by the special correspondent of the Times at Varna, and he was passed as a third class interpreter. He was afterwards advanced to the staff of Lord Raglan, and was now employed as a confidential interpreter, and had also acquired a knowledge of the Russian language. Doctor Candlish then read some extracts from letters which this self-taught soldier had sent home, and in one of these he stated that he had his Manchester Bible with him. In the letter received by Mr Brannigan's son, to which reference had

already been made, the writer stated that if it was not his lot to fall upon the battle-field, it was his desire to lead a useful life. If he was spared to return home, he would be able to buy his discharge, and he would repair to the East to endeavour to do good to the followers of the false Prophet, by making known Christ Jesus. "I think (continues the writer) that the fruitful seed of the word of life and truth has already taken root in the stony hearts of some Turks. I think I have handled the plough of salvation, and dug deep into their hearts. And now I only wish that the rain and dew of heaven will descend and water the seed, and that missionaries from our Presbyterian Church will be sent here also." The writer concludes with the prayer that the Lord would enlighten those eyes which for centuries have been blinded, and that he might "live to see this Constantinople—the storehouse of Turkish idolatry cleansed and white-washed with the white lime of the Gospel." Dr. Candlish said that it could not fail to call forth a lively concern for the welfare of their army abroad, when they thought that there were men of this description fighting their battles—men, whose faith in Christ, as this writer remarked, referring to the battle of Alma, in which he took part, did not make them one whit the worse soldiers, but who went into the battle all the rather on that account to fight for their country. It should also lead them to take a deeper interest in that country where their brave soldiers were stationed.

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