

Christ's legacy to his disciples was not ecstasy, but "peace." Peace is better than ecstasy, because it is, or may be, abiding. The nature of mind is such that though it may now and then rise to an ecstatic state, it cannot dwell in it. "It reaches it," says Pascal, "only by a bound, not as on the throne, continuously, but for an instant." But the peace given by Jesus is a calm and gentle stream flowing on and on unceasingly forever.

All truth is calm,
 Refuge and rock and tower,
 The more of truth the more of calm,
 Its calmness is its power.

Calmness is truth,
 And truth is calmness still;
 Truth lifts its forehead to the storm,
 Like some eternal hill.

—Bonar.

GAIR DENER.

A minister was recently visiting an old woman in his parish. On the table in the room was a large family Bible. The minister happened to say, "That's a very big Bible you've got, Mrs. Brown." "An nae wonner it's big, sir," was the reply; "it's got an apothecary in the inside o't."

A young lady about to be married, being on friendly terms with the clergyman who was to perform the wedding ceremony, made him promise that on her first Sunday at church after her marriage he would preach an appropriate sermon. The promise was given, and on the Sunday appointed he preached from the text from Psalms:—"And there shall be abundance of peace as long as the moon endureth."

"Canada Bill," said a confidence man the other day, "was the greatest monte and cross-roader that we ever had in this country. He died at Scranton, Penn., and I remember his funeral very well. We went out to the graveyard with his body, and just as the coffin was being lowered one of the party broke out: 'I'll bet a hundred to fifty he's not in the box?' and there wasn't a man to take it. 'For,' said another, 'I've known him to get out of as tight places as that.' "Bill" was known from one end of the country to the other. It was a story generally circulated just before his death that he had offered a railroad corporation \$25,000 a year for privilege of playing monte and doing "con." work generally, guaranteeing to tackle no passengers but ministers."