

The Refuge of the Devout Soul.

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"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my Refuge, even the Most High thy habitation..."

It requires a good deal of peering to make out from the Hebrew the translation of our Authorized Version here.

The simple, literal rendering of the first words of these verses is, "Surely thou, O Lord, art my Refuge;" and I do not suppose that any of the expositors...

The word "refuge" is much better here than our Authorized Version, for it has recognized this breach of the continuity of sequence in the promises, and translated as I have suggested...

Whether or not be that in the liturgical service of the Temple this Psalm was sung by two choirs which answered one another, does not matter for our purpose.

Whether or no we regard the first clause as the voice of the Psalmist speaking to God, and the other as the same man speaking to himself, does not matter.

Now, note that the cry of the soul, recognizing God as its Asylum and Home, comes in response to a revelation of God's blessing, and to large words of promise.

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All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose.

Dear brother, the secret of exemption from every evil lies in the peculiar Providence, according to some special manner...

W. B. M. U. Inasmuch as we have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Mission Bands. (A paper read at the annual meeting of the W. B. M. U. at Amherst, the following resolution was passed: "Realizing that it is of the first importance that the children and youth of our denomination be taught the needs of our Home and Foreign Mission fields...")

But now notice the remarkable language in which this answer is couched. "Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee."

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For the younger children we may have, besides the familiar stories, missionary pictures to be used in the lessons.

Mr. Archibald, in a recent letter in the Messenger and Visitor, says: "Give the needs with strong enough light upon them, and out people will be reaching all corners of the world."

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