

The Critic's Corner.

Arrangements have been made for the undersigned to occupy a small space in each issue of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Word of God, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions or queries in regard to such from any of its readers; with the understanding, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity will be discarded. E. SHEPARD, Walkerton P. O., Bruce Co.

Hebrews v. 8.

Bro. S.—Will the original justify the rendering, "not taught the obedience by the things which He suffered?" if so, then I can understand the passage better than as it stands in R. J. Version. J. B.

No, the original word and its family connections signify to learn—learner or disciple, etc.

It does seem strange to us that the Son of God with all the attributes of Divinity either could or would need to learn anything, but we must bear in mind that the human side of Christ's person is frequently presented to us not only as being essential work of redeeming grace, but also to make His offices and their relation to God and man practically plain to us.

Compliance with a request, or obedience to a command, which involves no self-denial or suffering, is not a test of an obedient spirit. If Adam's test had been to love his wife when God presented her to him in all her virgin beauty and innocent charms, the command would have been very easily observed, but to abstain from the fruit that was "good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired to make one wise" and given to him by the wife he loved, required a self-denial and courage which were wanting.

Obedience to any mandate through suffering strengthens and prepares us for obedience requiring still greater courage and submission.

Thus it was that Jesus "in the days of His flesh" learned obedience by the things which He suffered. In obeying the will of the Father who sent Him, He passed through the world "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," and so far learned obedience by the things He had suffered that, in Gethsemane, when His Soul was "exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death," when, being in agony, His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground and though He prayed "C, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me," yet even then he added; "Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt!" Oh the wonders of redeeming love! The perfection of obedience to all requirements, culminating in the death of the cross, in order to secure our salvation!

"Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross." E. S.

Brant.

Hebrews vi. 18.

"That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."

To make us sure of the fulfilment of all His promises, God has graciously condescended to "interpose Himself by an oath," which not only gives to the "heirs of promise," the fullest assurance of faith but also exhibits, in a most remarkable degree, the tender love of our Heavenly Father in thus removing every doubt in order that our joy may be full. The "two

immutable things," God's promise and God's oath (verse 18)—this gives in perfection one essential element of the hope we have laid hold upon; for our expectation cannot be based upon anything so absolutely certain as God's promise and even this is confirmed by an oath!

The other element of hope—desire—has been educed by the revelation of those blessed privileges and boundless joys which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived, which God has in reservation for those that love Him.

We thank Thee, oh God, for this stable "anchor of the soul," which safely secures us from the surging waves of sin and doubt; for who will drift from Thee who art the fountain of bliss and the centre of all perfection; who can drift from Thee when Christ "within the veil," holds us by the cable of His love and the strong chain of His Divine power! E. S.

Woman's Work.

Conducted by Mrs. S. M. Brown and Miss Jessie R. Agnew. Everything intended for this column should be sent to Mrs. S. M. Brown, Ridgetown, Ont.

A letter from Bro. Darroch announces the safe arrival of Bro. J. B. Lister in Minnedosa. Bro. L. had preached twice on the Sunday following his arrival. Bro. D. says: "We are very much pleased with him, and think he will be very suitable for this place. We feel that in the Master's hands success must follow His work."

Bro. D. enclosed financial statement of their church building. I find that I was not quite correct in the statement I made some weeks ago that their church was free of debt. I had been told that the debt was provided for, but it appears from the statement that the building cost considerably more than the first estimate, which is not at all surprising, so they are looking for the balance of amount first asked from Ontario, viz., \$500, \$280 of which has been paid. We trust that the brethren and sisters of Ontario will continue to aid the handful of brethren who have made such earnest and persevering efforts to establish the Master's cause in that far-off town. There are many who have not yet contributed who may do so now that the work is in such encouraging form.

I note that Bro. J. B. L. promises more news from Minnedosa. We feel like claiming it for our "Woman's Work" column, as that is our special mission field.

Sister J. R. A. notices my removal from my old home in Warton to Ridgetown. It is just eighteen years ago this very month since we settled in Warton, then a very small village with but one church building—the Episcopalian. Shortly afterwards the Congregationalists built a house, and with them I worshipped for a few years, forming some precious friendships that will continue when time shall be no longer. In the fall of 1877, Bro. O. G. Hertzog came to hold a meeting for us, which continued for five weeks. At its close a church of seventeen was organized, which continues to the present. Over 100 names have been upon the church roll, but the congregation has lost many by removals, and a few by death and other causes. I formed one of the congregation from its infancy to the present, and had "taken root" there, hoping never to leave it till the Master called me to the home beyond the river. The beloved brethren and sisters I have left have given me many proofs of their love and esteem. Their regard for me was not expressed in words alone at parting, but in a most liberal and substantial manner far beyond anything I had ever

experienced at their hands. I love them. They are in my heart to live and to die with them. "God be with them, till we meet again."

And now a word about Ridgetown. I do not feel myself to be quite a stranger among the brethren here. This is the old home of Bro. H. McDiarmid and his wife. The relatives of both are here. Their friends will surely be my friends too; for I have no truer, more esteemed friends either here or "across the tide" than H. McDiarmid and his wife. It was also the early home of Bro. "G. M." and his wife—friends of later years, but "tried and true." Indeed all whom I have met, both in Ridgetown and Blenheim, have given me a welcome that I would be glad to be worthy of. I have not yet met with the sisters as a Mission Band, for their monthly meeting was just past when I came, but I trust and pray that we may be helpful to each other in this line of the Master's work, as well as in all other that our hands find to do.

Have the sisters forgotten the request for items of news from the Mission Bands, or suggestions concerning methods of work, or anything that would be interesting and helpful in the line of work we have taken up? I wish I knew how to put the request in such a form as to induce our sisters to respond. There are so many who are abundantly able to send us words of advice and encouragement that I feel like constraining them by the love of Christ to use the talents He has given them. If we really believe that this is the Lord's work we have undertaken, that His approval and blessing is upon us, then let us be faithful and do everything we can to encourage and stimulate each other, so shall our sympathies be broadened and our souls be watered in living for others, and "For the good that we may do."

S. M. B.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Ledlard, Supt., Poplar Hill, Ont.; to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

Hear the pennies dropping, Listen while they fall, Every one for Jesus, He will get them all.

Chorus—Dropping, dropping, dropping, dropping, Hear the pennies fall; Every one for Jesus, He will get them all.

Dropping, dropping ever, From each little hand, 'Tis our gift to Jesus From His little hand.

Now, while we are little, Pennies are our store, But, when we grow older, Lord, we'll give Thee more.

Though we have no money, We can give Him love, He will own our offering Smiling from above.

The above verses, set to a bright cheerful tune, were published in the Northern Messenger for March 7, 1890. I should like all the bands to know it, and would give it in the Children's Column if I could. You may perhaps be able to get it for yourselves.

DEAR Mrs. LEDIARD,—We have at present twenty-seven members. During the last quarter we lost three members by removal. To-night ends our missionary year. We have something more than six dollars to send to Miss Flemming as our second half year's remittance. Our band gave one entertainment during the year at which a collection was taken. Our meetings are fortnightly, and our officers elected

every quarter. We find "Little Builders at Work" a great help.

Yours in the work, I. E. CRAWFORD.

Warton, Sept. 25.

It is quite encouraging to receive reports from our bands, especially when they are in earnest in the work, and let us know it at the right time.

DEAR Mrs. LEDIARD,—Our band, which we have named "Little Helpers," have raised nine dollars and fifty cents since last report. Eight dollars of it is the collection of a concert which we held August 29th.

ESTHER SWAYZE, Treasurer.

Winger, Sept. 29.

Well done, Little Helpers, you are proving yourselves worthy of your name. Will the officers of our bands please remember that our treasurer for this year is Miss Jennie Flemming, Kileyth, and forward all money to her?

We were greatly interested and pleased with a visit from Mr. Ohno to Lobo. Japan seems to become a very interesting country while listening to him. The manners, customs, education, etc., are so different from what we thought, that it seems as though we were hearing of some new country. He has kindly promised a letter on "Child-life in Japan" for our column at some early date, so we may expect something very interesting.

J. E. L.

Read our liberal offers on page 7.

A woman's head is always influenced by her heart, but a man's heart is always influenced by his head.

A MOSSIDE STORY.

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W. H. STORY, Mosside, Ont.

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