

man that "laboreth" is the one that partakes of the fruit.

Thus Paul would remind Timothy that hardship is always

THE CONDITION OF SUCCESS

and that the human race is everywhere ruled by the law, that attainment follows suffering. Why then should the Christian workman rebel against a law that is universal, and seek to isolate himself from his kind? Should he not gladly place himself by the side of his confreres, and take part in the community of toil, contented to be one with his fellows. "Take thy share of hardship."

And now follows an invincible appeal :

"REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

risen from the dead" (v. 8).

The Apostle has a more effective means of dispelling the mood of disappointment than the first one, which was more or less stoical in its appeal to the common struggle of humanity. He supplies a new affection, as is made very clear in the Revised Version. Instead of "Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead," in the Authorized Version, is the more suggestive translation, "Remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead." The former reading bids us recall a fact, the second tells us of a Person, of Him who is alive again, to whom all power has been given, who intercedes for us, and who loves us with a ceaseless affection.

This is

THE DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN MOTIVE

whereby we are reinforced with a strong attachment for Him in whose presence there will be fulness of joy. It is the secret of the Lord's Supper, which is the highest expression of the Christian life; for in the solemn moments of waiting, when the bread and wine pass from hand to hand, the words echo in the ear, "This do in remembrance of me." And that presence, which is felt most distinctly in this feast of love, is meant to dwell with us all along the way. "Let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus."

Here is the renewal of our spiritual energy,

in that we can be one with Christ. If we leave Him out, our melancholy may increase till it presses every joy out of the heart, and our work will lack the signs of spontaneity; but if we ever remember the risen Saviour, then a new light will bathe every task with a beauteous glory, and our trials will be turned into joy.

There is no encouragement equal to that which comes from the abiding presence of Christ. In a hot August, as the fierce sun smote the squalid streets of Bethnal Green in London, Matthew Arnold met a Christian worker, to whom he said :

"Ill and o'erworked, how fare you in this scene?"

"Bravely!" said he, "for I of late have been much cheered with thoughts of Christ, the living Bread."

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Good Examples

Here is a good example, set in the Dunn Avenue, Toronto, Sabbath School. On a recent Sabbath, forty-five children, who had been lately promoted from the Primary Classes to the Intermediate Department, were presented each with a Bible and Book of Praise.

"Creoles, East Indians and Chinese at our Missions in Trinidad are busy memorizing the Shorter Catechism, with a view to the General Assembly's Diploma," says Rev. Mr. McEwen, who has charge of the distribution of the diplomas. And he adds: "So also are the Presbyterian pupils of the Ontario Institute for the Blind, at Brantford, whilst the pupils in the Boarding School of our Mission at Indore, Central India, are taking up the Memory Passages from Scripture."

In regard to these Scripture Memory Passages, one who writes from a Sabbath School where for two or three years very special attention has been paid to memorizing, gives this striking testimony: "The results with us are very marked. We have five in one family memorizing, where no Bible was found in the house, and in other careless families."