

ing while the strife of tongues is raging. How often the experience of the martyrs of Jesus has illustrated these facts!

Twelve o'clock, Jan. 1st, 1876.—In writing the name of the year, the last figure must now be changed. Met just now, "In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of *His presence* saved them."

So ends that entry. The first text given him in the early morning of that new year set God's seal upon the meditations of the last hours of the old year, and, *satisfied*, he laid down his pen.

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Later in the day he took it up again and wrote.

Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1876.—"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me."

The assurance of this will make trouble light, and will inspire us with courage to meet it. The Lord is not only with him in trouble, but reviving him in it; so that he does not faint nor sink, but renews his strength instead. The outward man perishing, the new man renewed day by day; trouble on the one hand consuming, He on the other reviving. The reviving power is greater than the consuming power. If the trouble is met by an equal power or measure of reviving, then no damage is sustained. If the reviving power is meted out in larger measure than the trouble, then there is positive gain.

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It was a winter evening. The house was quiet, Mr. Ross came out of his study with his Bible open in his hand.

"What do you think is the meaning of this verse?" he said, and he read to me Rev. III. 12, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name."

"I am afraid I have never tried to find its meaning,"