

THE WIND AND THE GOSPEL LEAF.

There is a story which you may like to hear, told a colporteur in Mexico, Senor Cortez, of a man who came one day to the market stall where he was selling Bibles. The man looked into a New Testament and became interested. On pretense of going to bring the price of it, he left his cloak and took the book to his priest, whom he met coming that way. The priest told him the book was "false" and was about to tear it in pieces, when the man said, "But it is not paid for; I left my cloak as security."

Then the priest handed to him a coin to pay for the book. "But the coin is false, mere lead," said Cortez, refusing to accept it.

Then the priest, coming up, said, "But your books are false, too." "Very well," said the colporteur, "let us go to the judge and settle both questions at once."

The priest however decided to pay and tear up the book before the crowds of people who had gathered round.

The wind carried the leaves about and many were picked up and read. That was on June 14. In December, Cortez offered his books to a woman sitting at her sewing machine by a window in the same city; she said that she wished only one book, which she did not suppose he would have—a religious book about the ten virgins. He showed a large New Testament opened at the parable and she bought it without hesitation.

He could not but ask the woman how she came to be looking for it. She replied, taking a single leaf out of her prayer-book, "My boy found this in the plaza some time ago, and as it has only part of the story I have been looking for the whole book." The leaf was of the size of the Testament torn up in the market in June.—Bible Society Gleanings.

He wants us to have hope, but hope is impossible without faith. He wants us to love him supremely, but one cannot love a God he distrusts. He wants our obedience, but it is folly to speak of obeying one you deny. He wants our service, but no one will serve a God he discredits. Thus faith is back of all God seeks to develop in this life.—W. H. G. Thomas.

I am quite sure that nothing is going to help you and me in conflict with the sin of this world but the absolute certainty that God could never put his hand to this plow and look back, never call into existence this universe and leave it an eternal disgrace to the Godhead. God is faithful; by the very creation, the expenditure of the blood of Christ upon the world and the gift of the Holy Spirit he is pledged that he will ultimately make good conquer evil, and that is what is upholding those of us who are dwelling in the midst of the drunkenness, impurity and ignorance of our time.—F. B. Meyer.

SACRIFICE.

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Is tuned to hidden pain;
His heart a poet brings,
Where deathless songs remain.
In his own blood he paints
Whose name is not forgot;
In death, the martyred saints
Gain fame that dieth not.
The star the brighter glows
Upon the darker night;
So God his shadow throws,
That men may find the Light.

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Bind together your spare hours by the cord of some definite purpose, and know how much may be accomplished.—Sel.

Let come what may, sickness, sorrow, misfortune, poverty, pain. Say to them I am master, not you—you shall be my servants, I will sing songs in the night, smile through tears, be generous and helpful with little, make my poverty a crown instead of a cross. This is my only chance to be victor, and I will be a conqueror in the field where I am placed, and say-

ing this you shall be victor, and to be master of circumstances is to win the highest joy we can ever know.—Rev. L. M. Powers.

It is while you are patiently toiling at the little tasks of life that the meaning and shape of the great whole of life dawns upon you. It is while you are resisting little temptations that you are growing stronger.—Phillips Brooks.

A little consideration of what takes place around us every day would show us that a higher law than that of our will regulates events; that our painful labors are very unnecessary and altogether fruitless; that only in our easy, simple, spontaneous action we are strong, and by contenting ourselves with obedience we become divine. Belief and love—a believing love—will relieve us of a vast load of care. O, by brothers, God exists!—R. W. Emerson.

WITHOUT WAITING FOR "OPPORTUNITY."

Things that we call unattainable often lie closest to us. "The light that never was on sea or land" is in every heart, but so often unlighted. That opportunity comes but now and then, is one of the half truths that lead astray. Opportunity is always present, and needs only the seeing eye and the hearing ear to make it a reality. "Send the multitude away!" said the disciples, "but Jesus said unto them. 'They have no need to go away.'" "I have taught a class of fifteen boys for years, and not one of them has come to Christ," said a Welsh deacon the other day; "I want Evan Roberts to come here so that they can hear him." "Why not speak to each of them yourself?" said a friend. He did, and there was no need of any one else. We need simply to believe more in what God can do with small things.—Sunday School Times.

NOTHING COMMONPLACE.

Many people spend all their life looking for the place in this world which they were intended, to fill. They never settle down to anything with restful or contented feeling. What they are doing now is not by any means the work that is suited to the abilities. They go on, discontented with their lot, and sighing for another; and while they sigh the years glide away, and soon they will come to the end to find they have missed every opportunity of doing anything worthy of an immortal being, in the passage to eternity. The truth is, one's vacation is never some far-off possibility. It is always the simple round of duties that the passing hour brings. No day is commonplace, if we only had eyes to see its splendor. There is no duty that comes to our hand but brings to us the possibility of kingly service.—Christian Work.

The heavy fog prevailing Wednesday was the cause of the death of two brothers, Roy and Howard Wayne, of Fairville, who were run down in their fishing boat between 11 and 12 o'clock by the steamer Penobscot, outward bound. The sad accident took place near the Eastern Wolf, down the bay, in which vicinity the brothers had been fishing for about a week. The fog at the time was very dense, it being impossible to see further than one hundred yards in any direction.

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