

moved the world, have been the men
whom the world could not lose.

Christianity has robbed death of its sting and the grave of its victory. What a sad world was this until Christ spoke. List ye: "And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years—and he died." Death reigned till Christ came. Then Christianity began. To the Christian this world is but the vestibule of the eternal. Off with the crape! Let the mournful dirge cease! Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory? Samuel Rutherford turned to a weeping mother and said: "Do you think that she is lost who is sleeping on the bosom of eternal love?"

Here let me wait with patience
Wait till the night is o'er,
Wait till I see the morning
Break on the golden shore.

Christianity brings "living comfort and consolation to the broken-hearted." Every heart breaks—sometime—somewhere. Listen to Goethe: "What I wished for came too late." A famous writer, whose name I will not mention, once said: "Failure, disgrace, sorrow, despair, suffering—these were the things of which I was afraid and yet I have been called upon to endure them all."

In that beautiful book entitled: "John Halifax, Gentleman," a mother bends over her beautiful child, Muriel, and tries to believe that her child is not blind. And you remember the sad words of Thomas Moore: "I feel like one who treads alone, some banquet hall deserted." In the old plantation days, the slaves used to sing: "Gone are the days when my heart was light and gay." Say what you will, this is a broken hearted world. Christianity comes bringing the Balm of Gilead.

"The Great Physician now is near
The sympathizing Jesus.

Christianity lives by an actual experience in the lives of men and women. Sir Isaac Newton, the Christian astronomer, said to an unbelieving member of his own calling and profession: "Sir, I am glad to hear you talk about astronomy—that's your particular line of study, but you know nothing about Christianity; that's a matter of experience." Somebody asked Coleridge: "Is Christianity true?" His answer was expressed in two words: "Try it." "Don't question me about the evidence in favor of Christianity, try it." Christianity lives as a spiritual force in an inward experience.

Christianity has taken possession of the literature of the world. Young man, Hear me! I present a five-fold argument. First, Christianity has made a persistent appeal to the human reason. When you ask a man to "believe" you ask him to reason. For we only