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(Conclusion.)

Is it not evident from what has been stated that, in order to a saving reception of the message conveyed in the text, the Almighty must be looked at not alone in one or another, but in all the perfections of His character, and that all these perfections must be seen to be blended in harmonious union in the extension of forgiveness to the guilty—justice, strict, stern, inflexible justice as readily and as joyously consenting to the gracious act as mercy—mercy and truth meeting together, righteousness and peace embracing each other. Need it be said that it is only in Christ Jesus, God manifest in the flesh, that the Almighty can be seen in all His perfections, all meeting and mingling together in sweetest harmony in the salvation of the guilty, all, whilst warranting rejoicing confidence in the divine compassion, uniting in inspiring at the same time such a salutary need of the divine justice as must of necessity prove the strongest possible dissuasive from the practice of iniquity. In invitations and promises, in entreaties and exhortations, in warnings and threatenings, found as these are in one form or another in almost every page of His Word; in the evils that befall them as the result of their sins, in the pleadings of their own consciences, and in the strivings of the Spirit, He sends forth from the throne of His glory the gracious and assuring announcement that He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. And yet, a louder and much more impressive proclamation of this blessed truth is heard pealing from Calvary, looking there in mingled astonishment and awe, there falls upon our ears in strains sweet as heaven's sweetest music the life giving declaration; the grandest that has ever found expression in human language, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." But, looking to God as revealed in Christ Jesus, we behold much more than an astonishing display of His love. We behold Him going forth in the might and majesty of His justice and vindicating the holiness of His nature and the rectitude of His character, maintaining the truth of His Word, and the honor of His law, in tones loud enough to make the stoutest heart to tremble, declaring that He will by no means clear the guilty, sparing not His own Son, the co-equal and co-eternal partner of His everlasting throne, making to meet on Him the iniquities of us all, exacting from Him payment in full of the penalties that as the surety and substitute of His people He had voluntarily undertaken to bear in the accomplishment of their redemption, giving Him who knew no sin to be the sin-offering for us that we might be the righteousness of God in Him.

Upon all, then, who are recklessly persisting in walking in evil ways, we would press the earnest enquiry, Why will ye die? Is you die, it can only be because you yourselves will that it should be so. Certainly, you cannot lay the blame on God. It is worse than idle to speculate about what He in His secret counsels may have decreed concerning you. Secret things belong to Him, revealed to you, He has told you as plainly as language can make it that He is not willing that you should die. Can you doubt His word, more especially when you look to Calvary, and remember that He gave up His Son to death there, just that you might not die. He has often pled with you in vain, beseeching you to turn to Himself and live, shall He plead with you yet again in vain. Oh, be persuaded of His willingness to save you, and, in the fulness of His sweet persuasion, accept of Him as your Saviour, who was wounded for your transgressions, bruised for your iniquities, upon whom the chastisement of your peace was laid, and by whose stripes you are healed. He is able to save you to the very uttermost, His blood cleanses from all sin, His righteousness becoming yours through faith in His name will give you a title to heaven and all its glory that can never be broken. Accepted in the beloved, there is not and there never can be condemnation to you. When He justifies, He glorifies. The mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but the covenant of peace He makes with you, outliving the changes of time, the shock of death, and the scrutiny of the last day, shall remain firm and immovable as the pillars that support His own throne. I beseech you, to His eager inquiry, turn from your evil ways, and flee to Christ your sure refuge from death and a lost eternity. Delay no longer, out of Christ there is and can be no safety for you. Your sins cannot go unpunished, if not expiated in the blood of Christ, the sin bearer, the lamb slain from the foundations of the world, they must be punished in your own person with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power. Accept joyfully then, the message the text conveys, and be comforted. Confess your evil ways to Him whose message of mercy it is your privilege to hear, and realize of a truth that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way, and live.

## LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

THE MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION. By Rev. Andrew Murray. Cloth. Price 75 cents. Toronto and Chicago, Fleming H. Revell.

Any work of the Rev. Andrew Murray requires but little introduction to the Canadian public. "The Ministry of Intercession," a plea for more prayer, is indeed one of the most helpful little works that we have yet seen from the pen of this popular author. The book urges the special promises given to those who pray in faith. "Ask therefore whatever ye will and it shall be done to you." "Whosoever ye ask believe that ye have received." In this age of occupation and unrest it is well that such authors as Mr. Murray bring us face to face with the great need, and the blessings resulting from prayer.

DAVID LYALL'S LOVE STORY. By the author of "The Land of the Loal." Cloth. Price \$1.25. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

This story might properly be described as a compilation of incidents rather than a continued love story. The hero's life commencing in his Scotch home continues through many incidents in the great English Metropolis, giving interesting pictures of the less fortunate Scotchmen who had left the land of the heather to gather gold from the Londoners, yet had not succeeded as well as might be hoped. Although the thread of the love event is rather obscure the reader has the satisfaction of knowing that it results in a happy union in the closing chapters.

THE TRAIL OF THE SWORD. By Gilbert Parker. Cloth. Illustrated. Price \$1.25. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

This is the third volume of Gilbert Parker's works, the copyright edition of which is being published by the Copp, Clark Co., of this city. They are printed and bound in uniform style and give promise of being a popular library edition of this well known writer. The scenes of "The Trail of the Sword" are laid on this continent and deal with that page in American history when Frontenac in Canada and the English Governor in New York were at strained relations and before that period, which to quote from the dedication, "through the providence of God and James Wolfe gave England her best possession." In this work as in its predecessors the soft melody of the lover blends with the harsh notes of fierce encounter.

THE CITY OF THE CALIPHS. A Popular Study of Cairo and its Environs, and the Nile and its Antiquities. By Eustace A. Reynolds-Hall, B.A., F.R.G.S. Illustrated. Pp. 335. Price \$3.00. Boston, Estes & Lauriat.

This volume is one of the most elegant and yet comprehensive that we have seen devoted to the interesting city of Cairo. So dainty is its gold and white binding that the publishers have enclosed it in three separate cases, and it forms almost a perfect specimen of bookmaking art in every particular. Cairo is the largest city in Africa, and one of the most interesting in the world. It has a population of nearly half a million, and nowhere else do the East and West so strangely meet and mingle as here. The street scenes present an inexhaustible fund of novelty and delight. Cairo is a city in which all nations, customs and epochs are represented—all phases of Oriental and Occidental life, of civilization and barbarism, of paganism, Christianity and Mohammedanism. The busy traffic of the Muski, the chief business thoroughfare, presents an interminable stream of men, women and animals, of walkers, riders and carriages of every description. The title of the book only in part reveals its scope. Its twenty-five chapters give an historic outline of the land of the Pharaohs, Ptolemies, and the Caliphs; describe the making of Egypt, the story of the Suez Canal, the many aspects of Cairene life, the pyramids, the City of the Sacred Bulls, the wonderful river Nile, with its tombs, temples and forsaken cities. The wonders of the pyramids are so vividly described that the reader almost feels himself by slow degrees approach the structures that for a thousand years have looked unchanged upon a changing world. There are some thirty pyramids in Egypt, but all of them are of a smaller size than that of Cheops, most of them much smaller. This pyramid of Cheops is 482 feet high, and its base 756 feet square. It contains nearly 200,000,000 cubic feet of masonry. It weighs nearly 7,000,000 tons and covers about thirteen acres. It is said 300,000 men were employed twenty years in its erection. The summit is now about thirty feet lower than when it was complete. The volume from the opening to the concluding chapter thrills with interest and instruction.

Harper's Bazar for April will include, besides the usual well-known fashion features, the beginning of an important series on "Household Sanitation," by Mrs. H. M. Plunkett, another interesting paper on "Life and Health," by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray, and short stories by Sarah Branwell Elliott and Marion Harland.