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It is always a choice of masters to which Christ is urging men. It is not by striking off all allegiance, but by finding your true Lord, and serving him with a complete submission that you can escape from slavery. Then give yourself to him completely. Let him mark you as his by

THE INGRAFTED WORD.

I think I cannot better convey the idea to you than by stating it in a way that will be interesting to the young people. A gardener who wants to grow nothing but the best of apples would first make a proper sellection of the seed; and the man who manages the nursery does not leave the seeds to manage themselves. The secd of the apple is carefully put into the ground, and is the beginning of a young tree. The seed, if let alone after it comes above the ground, will bear an inferior, sour, bitter, and natural kind of In order to bring forth good fruit, when the young tree has reached a certain stage, its top is cut off, and a tender sprig is selected with great care from a well-known good apple-tree, and is fastened to the stock, it being joined with such care that complete adhesion is the result. Now the stock grows down into the ground, and the sprig that is ingrafted grows up and is the tree. It is a wonderful fact bearing upon the course of nature that only trees of the same kind ean be grafted in this way. Now, want follows all this process of ingrafting? The stock has its natural qualities, but the blossom and fruit is of the same kind as the sire from which the graft has taken.

Something like this occurs to the be-There is our ordinary nature. liever. dead in trespasses and sin.

We have many good natural virtues because they come to us naturally. We possess many of the casual features of Him in whose likeness we are made. But it is by nature a fallen likeness. Therefore, let us cut the top off and take a bud of the right kind, graft it upon the top or join it into us; make it a dominant part of our existence to bring forth blossoms; and, in order that we way do so, let us receive with meekness the ingrafted Word which is able to save the soul. The old I dam will still link us to the earth. but the new Adam that is ingrafted into us w ll link us to heaven. He who does that is consciously and deliberately the subject of the ingrafting process. When a truth is sown into the spirit, the spirit reaps life everlasting .- Dr. John Hall.

In the life of the missionary, Dr. Judson, he is reported as saying:- "I never was deeply interested in any object; I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came at some time no matter how distant the day-somehow. in some shape, probably the last I should whatever marks he will.—Philips Brooks. | have devised, it came.',