

They shall be Mine . . . when I make up My jewels.—Mal. iii. 17.

how living that precious Volume which the world considers uninteresting, and even the Lord's people do not dig and search into as they ought. Verily it is a mine of untold wealth."

—Service for the King.

God's Jewels.



WHILE in London, I stayed with a brother who was a diamond setter. One day he took me into his workshop, where he showed me a little box which contained a number of diamonds, and he asked me how much I thought they were worth. So, I began

to calculate, and made a rough guess, beginning low enough. But he said, "Man, I would not take fifteen times that sum for this little box of gems." That was all I knew of the value of those little jewels. So there are people who undervalue the jewels of heaven, and make light of God's gems. They point the finger of scorn at us, and call us fools and fanatics. But, thank high heaven, though they may point the finger of scorn at us, the Almighty says we are of much value, for we are His jewels.

I next began to ask my diamond friend about these jewels, where they were found, and how polished. He told me they were found in rivers and mines, amongst mud and stones; that the negroes and Indians went into the rivers with rakes, with which they raked up the soil, and then washed away the dirt, picking out the little gems, and separating them from all dirt and dross. So it is with the origin and reclamation of sinners, who are saved from the horrible pit, and cleansed from the miry clay of sensuality. God puts down His great scraper, pulls us out of the dirt, and takes us to His cleansing fountain.

Then, there is another thing that is to be done to the gems; they need polishing. I dare say most of you know more about this and other things than I do; but I know that my Saviour is the great Jeweller who has polished me, and He can polish thee. The Lord help you to think about it.

The natives are very quick at finding these gems, even when travelling. What you would think to be only a little rough stone, and would kick it before you as of no value, a native would pick up and put it in his bag. Its worth could not be seen from the outside. So it is with many a sinner. The poor old drunkard is all encrusted over with the dirt of his slavish habit and the stony shell of his sensuality. Most

people think him a worthless, lost soul. But let the great Artist come and take him in hand, and He will make a new man of him, till he becomes a gem for the everlasting diadem. Blessed be God, there is help for all; even the poor besotted drunkard need not despair.

But there is a great deal of profession in religion as well as in daily life, and there are counterfeit jewels that look very much like the real article, at least to those who don't know the difference. Some jewels are of almost priceless value, and their counterfeits are but bits of glass. The Lord teach you, dear reader, to cry to Him, "Search me and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see what evil way there is in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

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A Little Every Day.

EVERY day a little helpfulness. Let us live for the good of others. At home, at school, in the neighbour's house, on the playground, we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

Every day a little look into the Bible, one chapter a day—what a treasure of Bible knowledge one may acquire in ten years! Every day a verse committed to memory—what a volume in the mind at the end of twenty-five years.

Every day a little knowledge; one fact in a day. How small a thing is one fact—only one! Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing!

Will You Sign This?

YES, I know that God wishes me to be happy. I know that He has made it possible for me to be so. I know that Christ died for the sins of the world, and that anyone who WILL can be saved. And I know that God will give Eternal Life to ME if I like, BUT I WON'T HAVE IT.

I have determined not to have any of these things,

Name.....

Address.....

Date.....

Dare you sign this? If you say "No, I dare not," and yet go on living as you have lived, it will come to the same as if you signed it now.

Either sign it, or say "By the help of God I will begin now to serve Him."