

say 'I press on' (for the prize) if I may seize that for which I was seized on by Christ Jesus.' Dean Alford's rendering is: 'If I may lay hold on that for which I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.' Paul realized that the crucified Saviour grasped him on the road to Damascus and appropriated him to his glorious service. When we contemplate the prodigious vigour and the splendid didactic skill of the man, we do not wonder that Christ coveted him for the apostolate and 'seized on' him by his converting grace.

Bearing this in mind, we understand better why Paul's motto should have been 'this one thing I do.' He lived for one great purpose, and to that he bent all his powers and concentrated all his faculties. In the best sense of the term, Paul was a man of one idea. The 'hold' of his intellect (if he may use a nautical simile) was abundantly stowed with resources of learning, argument, and rich mental gifts; but a single holy purpose trod the quarter deck and fluted its ensign from the peak. 'Go a little deeper,' said a wounded French soldier at Austerlitz to the surgeon who was probing his left side for the bullet—'go a little deeper, and you will find the emperor.' So the great apostle might say: 'Go deeper, go to the inmost core of my heart, and you will find the crucified Jesus. Other feelings I am possessed of, but this one possesses me. Other affections lie near the surface; but this master passion lurks and lives in the inmost centre of my soul. For me to live is Christ. This one thing I do: forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth unto those which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Literature.

THE FAMILY GOD'S APPOINTED INSTITUTION: By the Rev. John Laing, M.A., of Dundas. This is an excellent discourse upon a theme of great importance, delivered before the Synod of Hamilton and London at its last meeting and published by request. Mr. Laing rightly holds that it is the duty of the parent to provide for and educate the child, and opposes the idea, that is becoming too prevalent, that the Church or the State, or the Sabbath School, or any other association, *ab extra*, should put itself *in loco parentis*. We hope this pamphlet may have a large circulation, and

that it may be the means of inciting many to consider the responsibilities attached to the family relationship as designed by God for the establishment and maintenance of religion pure and undefiled.

THE ENDLESS DURATION OF FUTURE PUNISHMENT: Three sermons by the Rev. J. R. Battisby, of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Ont. These discourses preached in the ordinary course of ministerial duty, are now published in pamphlet form in accordance with the urgent request of members of the congregation and others. Copies may be had from Messrs. JAMES BAIN & SON, Bookseller, Toronto. They do not present any new aspect of this now hackneyed theme. But they present the plain teachings of Christ and his apostles in a form convenient for reference. Those who hold contrary opinions would do well to consider in how far their wish is father to the thought.

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