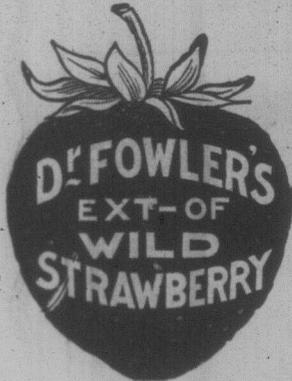


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HATRED OF SIN.

All the world knows how the French
people, at the conclusion of the Franco-
Prussian war, refused to hold fellowship
with their foes. I stood once in a rose-
garden, in a little town in Brittany-by-the-
Sea, and heard an old baroness, whose son,
a general in the French army, had recently
been slain in battle, relate how she had
refused to accept the courtesies of Von
Moltke in an apartment in a railway car.
Her eyes flashed, her bosom heaved, her
lips trembled while she told it. "But
Madam," said I, "why could you not
accept courtesy even from your foe?"
With a splendid and pathetic dignity she
said, "Why, sir, his hands were red with
the blood of my only son!" Would that
we might manifest some of that spirit in
our attitude toward sin! God hates it.
God hates it with an utter loathing and
abhorrence. How could it be otherwise?
It nailed to the cross his well beloved
Son.—Sel.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES.

I am reminded of Napoleon when he
came to that stream at the foot of the
Alps. He was told that they could not
get the artillery across that deep stream
that was running so swiftly. But Napoleon
said we must cross "this stream here or
we cannot see Italy." This stream is the first
thing to attend to. Devote your attention
to this first and then we will enter Italy.
It was Bismarck who said almost the same
thing with reference to a marsh they had
to cross. "Men, we must cross this marsh
or we cannot see Paris." They devoted
their attention to the crossing of the
marsh, and they were afterwards able to
see and capture Paris. They would carry
out Christianity to perfection and live it
to the highest degree of perfection, must
be always doing those things which are to
be done and in the way which prepares
them for the kingdom of heaven.—Selected.

ACCORDING TO HIS FAITH.

Quite lately a large number of Russian
criminals were standing in the court yard
of their prison, chained together, and
about to start for their long, sad journey
into the Siberian wilds. Among them was
one Christian man sharing their banish-
ment and punishment, simply because he
had spoken to his fellow-workmen about
the faith that made him count all things
as dross for Christ's sake. His fellow-
prisoners were jeering him about it, say-
ing, "But you are no better off than we
are. You are wearing the handcuffs as we
do; if your God is of any use to you, why
doesn't he knock off your chains and set
you free?" The man replied fervently,
"If the Lord will, he can set me free, even
now." At that moment a voice was heard
calling him by name, and telling him that
a paper had just been received, granting
him a full pardon. He was then told to
stand aside, and his chains were struck off.
It is said that the prisoners were perfectly
awe-stricken and solemnized with the im-
pression of what they had witnessed. It
transpired afterward that a Christian lady
in a high position, who took an interest in
this poor laboring man had asked and ob-
tained pardon.—London Christian.

A GREAT WELL.

On Bahrein Island, twenty miles off the
Coast of Arabia in the Persian Gulf, there
is to be found what is perhaps the largest
well in the world. This well, called the
Adari, is the great sight of the Bahrein
Island, being a deep basin of water,
twenty-two by forty yards in size, and
beautifully clear and full of prismatic
colors. There has been a great deal of
discussion as to the source of the water
which constantly fills this great well, which
serves to make fruitful many miles of
desert, and cover them with date palms.
It is now believed that the water comes
from the far-off slopes of the Persian
mountains, where the rainfall sinks into
the earth and runs under the sea, and
comes up under this little island. So
wonderfully God has fitted the world for
his children. But the God who took so
much trouble to prepare for the well of
Adari has not failed in preparing well's of
salvation from which every thirsting soul
may have in abundance the water of Life.
—Ex.

THREE SAVED.

A few days after the wreck of the steam-
er "Central America" sent hundreds to a

watery grave and plunged the nation in
mourning, a pilot boat was seen approach-
ing New York. As the vessel neared the
harbor the words, "Three more saved!"
ran along the streets. The news boys left
off crying the last murder and shouted,
"three more saved!" The porter threw
down his load, busy salesmen dropped
their goods, bookkeepers their pens, bank-
ers their discounts, tellers their gold, and
shouted, "Three more saved!" If cold
and selfish men will thus stop short in the
quest of gain, or of pleasure, to let
the voice of humanity speak out, and to
express their joy that three fellow-beings
have been rescued from the ocean depths,
shall we deem it an incredible thing that
the holy and loving denizens of heaven
should rejoice when a sinner repents and
is delivered from the abyss of hell?—Dr.
Ide.

MISUNDERSTOOD

There is much in this world that is un-
just, much that is harsh, much ingratitude,
and all because we are not understood.
The life of our neighbor, our friend, our
nearest kin has its own unrevealed self.
The proud heart suffers long and sorely
because it refuses to unbosom its own
happiness. The grandest spirits that ever
lived in human form have been crushed to
earth and have gone unwept, save by the
blinding of their own tears, to too early
graves, because, not being understood,
they have been counted ungrateful and
undeserving. Could we but read the book
of our brother's heart, could we but raise
the pall that hides his own secret, not to
look for the skeleton but to see the soul
that we misjudge, what different treatment
would we give him? In place of harsh,
unkind words, we would speak tenderly
and lovingly. Instead of ostracising him
from our society, we would clasp him to
our breast, proud of his friendship. The
crust of pride, the crust of friendship,
the encasement of our own selfishness, causes
our dearest ones to weep over their own
loneliness. The purest diamond may be
hidden by the dirt of the gutter, but it is
still a pure diamond, and only requires a
cleansing to reveal its beauty. The purest,
noblest heart may be concealed behind the
screen of adverse circumstances, and
unseen because of the darkness of pride
and prejudice, but it is still a pure and
noble soul, and needs only the cleansing
power of love to discover its true value.
Oh, to be understood—not condemned be-
cause the truth of our lives, the best of our
lives, is hidden from our fellows' gaze.—
William J. Duncan.

AN UNDAUNTED BISHOP.

Valens, the Emperor, a zealous Arian,
went on a kind of visitation tour through
his dominions, for the purpose of bringing
his subjects to confess the same faith as
himself: so he and his prefect came to
Cæ area. The prefect sent for Basil; and,
after a little altercation, he asked him if
he was not ashamed to profess a different
creed from that of the Emperor. Basil in-
timated that he thought it better to stand
alone by the side of truth than with all the
world on the side of falsehood. The pre-
fect lost his patience, and began to talk
of other weapons than those of argument.
"Are you not afraid to oppose me?" he
said to Basil.

"Why should I fear?" said Basil;
"what will happen?"
The prefect, bloated with rage, and al-
most choked with passion, gasped out con-
vulsively: "Confiscation, banishment,
torture, death!"

"Have you nothing else?" asked the
undaunted bishop; "for nothing you have
spoken has any effect on me. He that has
nothing to lose is not afraid of confisca-
tion; save these thread bare, tattered gar-
ments, and a few books, I have nothing
you can take. And as to banishment, you
cannot banish me; for the earth is the
Lord's, and the fulness thereof, whose
stranger and pilgrim I am. And as to tor-
ture, the first stroke would kill me; and to
kill me is to send me to glory."

"No man ever spoke to me like that be-
fore," said the crestfallen official.

"Perhaps you never met with a Christian
bishop before," was the reply.

A widow, one of Basil's flock, threw
herself under his protection, and he risked
his life to ensure her safety. The Em-
peror, with a body of soldiers, went to the

church and demanded the sacrament at
Basil's hand; and he determined to die
rather than dispense the emblems of
Christ's death to one who repudiated his
divinity. At last, a day of clouds and
storms was followed by a calm and tran-
quil sunset; Basil closed his eyes upon
this scene of trouble, to open them upon
the unbroken calm that slumbers on the
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