

so ferocious as those on this island. The British Admiralty warned all ships away, and Terre del Fuego was proscribed, till Thomas Bridges went to it armed with the simple love of Christ, and worked such miracles among the people that they abandoned their barbarism. When Darwin heard of it, he sent money to the mission saying, "God bless Christianity, if it can work such miracles of love." Ye young men who think ye have outgrown church and religion, tell me what did it?

The business man tells you he is a practical man, and has no time to attend to religion. The religion of Christ is the most practical thing in the world. What is the making of a bridge or a new electric light to the making of new men and the forming of righteous characters? Two masters are seen striving to-day—Capital and Labor. How can they be reconciled? By the cross of Christ. By that cross which sent Simon Peter to the tanner's house, and brought the Roman magnate and his slave into the brotherhood, and conquered Terre del Fuego.

### Spiritual Hope.

*I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, etc.*—Gal. ii: 20.

#### I. THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

"I am crucified with Christ."

Paul has been speaking of his relation to the law. "Knowing that a man is not justified," etc.

1. The claims of the law.
2. The satisfaction offered by Jesus Christ.
3. The appropriation of Christ's sacrifice. What he suffered I suffered. I am dead to the law. "I am crucified with Christ."

#### II. THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Out of the process described springs spiritual life.

1. Individuality marks this life. "I live," etc. Observe the number of times the personal pronoun occurs. Conversion effects a great change,

but is not destructive of our personality. The change is not organic, but simply functional.

2. This individuality is consecrated. "Christ liveth in me." Hitherto, self has been the controlling principle; now and henceforth it is Christ.

#### III. THE CONDITION OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

"Live in the flesh."

Christian life is not incompatible with the fulfillment of the duties of life. The world is the best sphere for its development.

#### IV. THE NURTURE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

All life needs external support.

1. Christ is the nutriment of the spiritual life.

2. Faith is the means of appropriating this nutriment.

(a) Faith is personal and appropriating.

(b) Faith is a continual exercise.

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### The Good Hope.

*Good hope through grace.*—2 Thess. ii: 16.

FITTINGLY has it been spoken that all men do not hate; all men do not fear; all men do not love; but *all men do hope*. Hopes, however, built upon false foundations will prove snares and delusions, and bring bitter disappointment.

There are false hopes, especially in religion. For instance:

1. The hope of future reform while we live in sin.
2. The hope of good works—the moralist.
3. The hope of praying friends.
4. Vague, indefinite hope of escape.
5. Hope in the infinite mercy of God.

But there is a "good hope through grace."

#### I. GOOD AS TO ITS FOUNDATION.

Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone. Through the atonement of His blood—by His work we are

1. Justified. 2. Adopted. 3. We enjoy prospect of higher blessings.