

"Mother, won't you come to church to-night, if the baby goes to sleep?"

"I went to church last night; I can't be bothering all the time," his mother answered, but not crossly, so Jimmy tried again:

"You haven't heard me sing, you know, mother, and the flowers are so beautiful to-day, it's like heaven."

"A lot you know about heaven," the mother said, but she added, "I'll see."

At evening service Jimmy managed to look out of the corners of his eyes, and he saw his mother near the door, just where he had expected she would be.

The boy saw others, too—his tormentors of the morning.

His swift glance could not take in the fact that each boy had made himself as tidy as he could, and although the sexton watched them keenly, he had no fault to find with their behavior.

Jimmy's heart echoed the collect again this night, but with how much deeper humility!

He felt, now, the need, yes and the presence of God's "continual help." And his "good desires" were for the poor mother—"how much happier she will be if she comes to church!" For the boys—"if I can only get them to come to Sunday-school, Miss Larkins will help them to be good!"

It was a body tired with the day's unwonted excitements which laid it to sleep on Jimmy's untidy bed that night but the body bore a heart lighter than his short years had ever known before.

"The gate of everlasting life," he whispered, as he fell asleep, and if his "desires be brought to good effect," Jimmy's Easter will surely be the "gate of everlasting life" to more souls than his own.

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No one needs to be told that he was not sent into this world to live for himself, for his own amusements or interests; and yet how many do so? Even among those who have, from choice or circumstance, been led to follow a more useful path, how few have paused to ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" If we have been brought to feel that "we are not our own, but are brought with a price," surely this reference of ourselves to the will of God must seem to all the most reasonable and natural proceeding. Let each and all of us take a calm, considerate view of our position, our advantages and disadvantages, our talents, our disposition, the state of life in which God hath called us, and then try if we cannot, by the providential arrangements He has put in our way, ascertain in some measure what it is that our Ruler and Guide requires of us.—*Selected.*

It is by such love as this that the Church was built up; it was built up, not by the powerful, or the learned, or the wealthy, but by thousands of poor men and women, whose hearts were filled with the love of our Lord, and who spent their lives in giving their little all to the cause of His Kingdom and His glory.—*Liddon.*

SINCERITY.

The world is full of false representations of "make believes," of shams, of shadowy visions. The world calls darkness light, and light darkness; it calls bitter sweet, and sweet bitter, and tries to cover up all her guilty tracks with excuses; to make evil appear good.

On the other hand, every thought the Church presents to you during this Lenten season is real—the clearer revelation of great facts in human life. We view each fact as God views it, not as the world views it. We learn what life really is, what sin really is, what holiness really is, who man really is, and who God really is.

The moment you realize this real contrast that exists, that moment you will be inclined to faithfully use the means offered you in the Church to produce a real Christian life and real Christian growth.

Remember, 'tis the worldly mind alone that makes Lent a sham—an empty devotion.—*Rev. L. W. Applegate.*

Giving is worship. Every one should give, whether rich or poor. The cent of the straightened is as much needed for worship as the dollar of the richer. The poor man should no more omit giving, on account of his poverty, than the illiterate man should omit praying, on account of his grammar. No Christian has a right to except this from his worship.—*Selected.*

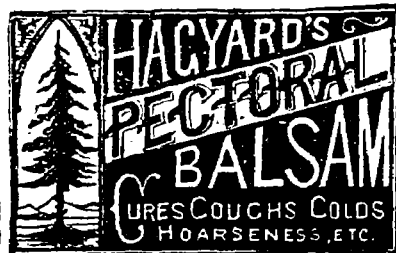


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