

A FIRE IN THE PULPIT.

A minister complained to one of his parishners that he had tried in many ways to draw people to his church services, but with limited success. And he said, "Can you suggest any better plan?" "Yes," was the reply. "You know that a fire always attracts a crowd. So you just kindle a fire in your pulpit and the house will be full." The minister thought he was joking, and was about to rebuke his irreverence, when he went on to say: "Haven't you read how Peter drew a crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost? He was not a learned nor an eloquent man, but he went into the street with the fire in his heart, and flashing no doubt, from his eyes—the fire which had come down from heaven in the upper room. He was all aglow with the conscious presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and hence it was that the multitude came together, and that three thousand of them were converted. Let it be noised abroad that your pulpit is ablaze with that Pentecostal fire, and multitudes will come, and many of them will be saved."

Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32). The crucified Redeemer is 'the only magnet that can permanently attract those for whom he died.—Herald and Presbyterian.

We cannot make bargains for blisses, Nor catch them like fishes in nets; And sometimes the thing our life misses Helps more than the thing which it gets For good lieth not in pursuing. Nor gaining of great nor of small, But just in the doing and doing As we would be done by, is all.

—Alice Cary.

Let us only be patient; and let God our Father teach his own lesson in his own way. Let us try to learn it well and learn it quickly; but do not let us fancy that he will ring the school bell and send us to play before our lesson is learned. Kingsley.

Nothing is eternal but that which is done for God and others. That which is done for self dies. Perhaps it is not wrong but it perishes. That which ends in self is mortal; that alone which goes out of self into God lasts forever.—F. W. Robertson.

A quiet hour spent with God at the beginning of the day is the best beginning for the toils and cares of active business. A brief session of prayer, looking above for the wisdom and grace and strength of the Holy Spirit, help us to carry our religion into the business of the day. It brings joy and peace within the heart, and as we place all our concerns in the care and keeping of the Lord, faithfully striving to do his will, we have a joyful trust that, however dark or discouraging events may appear, our Father's hand is guiding everything, and will give the wisest direction to all our toils.—Philadelphia Methodist.

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Poverty bought our little lot,
Flooded with daisy blooms;
Poverty built our little cot,
And furnished all its rooms.
Yet Peace leans over Labor's chair,
Joys at the fireside throng,
While up and down on Poverty's stair
Love sings the whole day long.
—Youth's Companion.

The secret of happiness is not the size of ones' purse, or the number of ones' butterfly friends; the fountain of peace and joy is in the heart. If you would only throw open your hearts' windows to the sunshine of Christ's love, it would soon scatter the chilling mists and even turn tears into rainbows. Some professed Christians pinch and starve themselves into walking skeletons, and then try to excuse themselves on the plea of ill-health or "constitutional" ailment. The medicine they need are from Christ's pharmacy. A large draught of Bible taken every morning, a throwing open of the hearts' windows to the promises of the Master, a few words of honest prayer, a deed or two of kindness to the next person whom you meet, will do more to brighten your countenance and help your digestion than all the drugs of the doctors.

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dering ailment; the presence of some one who is a grief of mind to you—whatever this day seemeth not joyous, but grievous, is linked in "the good pleasure of his goodness" with a corresponding afterward of "peaceable fruit," the very seed from which, if you only do not choke, this shall spring and ripen.—F. R. Havergal.

SMALL POTATOES.

Billy Bray, the Cornish miner, whose rugged piety has been a blessing to so many of God's children, says that one year his crop of potatoes turned out poorly; and as he was digging them in the fall, Satan was at his elbow and said: "There, Billy, isn't that poor pay for serving your Father the way you have all the year? Just see those small potatoes."

He stopped hoeing and replied: "Ah, Satan, at it again; talking against my Father's blessing his name! Why, when I served you, I didn't get any potatoes at all. Why are you talking against my Father for?" And on he went, hoeing and praising the Lord for small potatoes. A good lesson for us all.—D. W. Whipple in Golden Rule.

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Another big surprise is announced in the Family Herald and Weekly Star of this week. No person who knows anything of the value of such a story as Ralph Connor's last success, "The Prospector," could ever imagine any Canadian newspaper strong enough to pay the price demanded for the exclusive rights to such a story. Nevertheless the Family Herald by way of a Christmas present so its readers has actually secured it. "Nothing too good for the Family Herald readers," seems to be the motto of the publishers of that great Weekly. We predict a greater demand than ever for the Family Herald, and few present readers will now want to have their paper stopped. It will be remembered that the Family Herald had exclusive use of "The Man from Glengarry," now it has the new and great story by the same author.

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