

preachers we need to teach our people as Wesley and Fletcher taught their people, and as many devoted men in the Methodist Episcopal Church are teaching their people. If the people are clearly instructed as to what they ought definitely to seek, it will become to them an object of desire and prayer. If they are shown how they are to obtain holiness by entire consecration and all-conquering faith, they will the more readily sink into the consecration and climb upward to the faith. In these things there are tremendous responsibilities, and there are glorious opportunities and achievements before us, or fearful neglects, failures, and disasters. The Lord in all these things give us a good mind and right spirit.—*Christian Advocate*.

THE PERPETUAL PRESENCE.

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Lo, I am with you *always*.—Matt. xxviii. 20.

Some of us think and say a good deal about “a sense of His presence;” sometimes rejoicing in it, sometimes going mourning all the day long because we have it not; praying for it, and not always seeming to receive what we ask; measuring our own position, and sometimes even that of others, by it; now on the heights, now in the depths about it. And all this April-like gleam and gloom instead of steady summer glow, because we are turning our attention upon the *sense* of His presence, instead of the changeless *reality* of it!

All our trouble and disappointment about it is met by His own simple word, and vanishes in the simple faith that grasps it. For if Jesus says simply and absolutely, “Lo, I *am* with you *always*,” what have we to do with feeling or “sense” about it? We have only to *believe* it and to *recollect* it. And it is only by thus believing and recollecting that we can realize it.

It comes, practically, to this: Are you a disciple of the Lord Jesus at all? If so, He says to you, “I am with you *always*.” That overflows all the regrets of the past and all the possibilities of the future, and most certainly includes the present. Therefore, at this very moment, as surely as your eyes rest on this page, so surely is the