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Make in your heart the furrow of the share
Of plough held by the hand or strong opposing ill,
Nor break the path straight marked by steadfast will.
To stress of time oppose that grip of soul
Which guides life's coursers to the destined goal.

Richard Sill Holmes.

The Man and the Message

A congregation were recently so favorably impressed with their newly-appointed pastor that they put up in front of their church the notice, "Come

presenting Jesus to him as his only Saviour. He listened as respectfully and attentively as his condition would permit, but it was easy to see that I had taken no strong hold on him. Then the Holy Spirit whispered to me—as distinctly, I felt, as he ever spoke to an apostle: "Present Jesus to him as the pilot's Pilot." I had my point and made haste to use it.

"How many times," I said to the old man, "when the storm was on the river and a fog made piloting difficult, the only thing that saved your vessel from going on the rocks was your clear eye and calm and steady nerve. Now, my dear man," I continued, "you are in the strait of death, the fog is on and the tide is drifting you away. What you most need is a pilot, and Jesus is the pilot's Pilot. Won't you take Him on board?"

The old man gathered together what proved to be his dying strength, and answered in a glad, strong "I will," and I could almost see Christ step aboard. Instinctively we all gathered up close to his bedside and broke into the familiar hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."

Thereupon the old man died, and as I looked into his rugged placid face, there was in it, as you may well believe, "A light that never was on sea or land," and he seemed to say to me: "I met my Pilot face to face, and He took me safely to the port."

The Marys of History

The name of Mary has played an important part in history. In Scotland the first Royal Mary was the daughter of Duke Arnold of Gueldres, who married James II., and afterwards became Queen Regent. Then we have Marie of Lorraine, who married James V., after refusing Henry VIII. Their daughter was the famous Mary Queen of Scots, the most romantic and fascinating figure in the whole history of the olden Marys. The Mary who is best known by her forbidding title on account of her cruelty had best be passed over.

Henrietta Maria became the ill-fated wife of Charles I. Mary of Moderna was the second wife of James II. Mary, the daughter of James II. by his first wife, by her marriage with William of Orange, invested their joint reign with a glory which is even now undiminished. Since then we have had several princesses named Mary—one the daughter of George II., another of George III., while the mother of our late Queen was Mary Louisa Victoria.

But the most essentially English of all Marys in the history of the country is our present beloved Queen.

A British Soldier Helping a German Soldier to a Smoke.

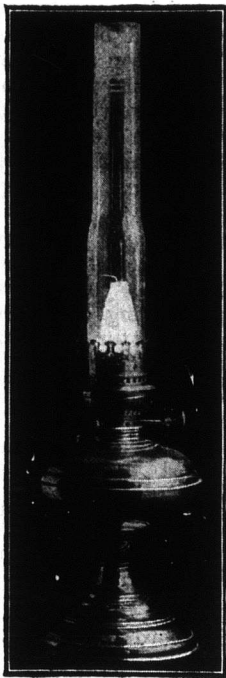
and hear our new minister." We are rather of the opinion that a wiser plan for the members of this church to pursue would have been one of silence for a period of not less than six months. If at the end of that time they were still enthusiastic for their newly-appointed shepherd, they would then seemingly be justified in their boastful invitation.

A much more appropriate placard would have been, "Come in and hear the old story of salvation." It is never safe to put the man before the message. Too often do we hear the man—due probably to the fact that the man gets before the theme. But when the man hides behind the message, he cannot be seen nor heard. He is hid in Christ.

The Pilot's Pilot

This touching incident is told by the Rev. J. Balcolm Shaw, the evangelist. One night I was sent for to visit a man who was dying. The little granddaughter who came for me led me to an apartment house a few streets above where I lived, and down into the basement, where the caretaker had her apartment. I found there a man seventy years of age in the last stages of pneumonia, with that labored breath which made it unmistakable that death was but a few moments off.

Upon inquiry I found that he was a pilot. I talked to him about his soul as seriously and wisely as I knew how,



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