

The Child-Christ.

Suggested by a beautiful picture, by G. C. Thompson, of Boston. [The following poem from the pen of Green Grasse...]

harm looked, when, in the still night, the promise came to him. "Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them..."

Class Meeting—the Christian Traveller's Rest. How fitly are Christians compared to pilgrims—travellers seeking a city...

The Song of Faith. House of clay! frail house of clay! In the dust thou soon shalt lie...

Elijah on Mount Carmel. A late traveller in Syria and Palestine, Lieut. Vandervell, visited Mount Carmel with a view to examining specially the locality of the Shrine of Elijah...

Infidelity Allied to Mental Idiocy. Let the enemies of our Faith know the weight that their ill-conceived...

Brevity of the Scriptures. "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they were written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

The Work of Missions. This enterprise of mercy the Son of God came down from heaven to commence, and in commencing it he laid down his life...

When shall I be at Rest? "When shall I be at rest?" said a dying man, three days ago, and in my anxiety...

Useless Kinds of Religion. Reader, there are two ways by which a man may lose his own soul. What are they? Without any loss of soul...

Look to Jesus. In every enjoyment, O Christian, look unto Jesus: receive it as proceeding from his love, and purchased by his agonies.

The Bible Making No Difference. Does anybody doubt the cause of differences in different countries? It cannot arise from soil, climate, or mere natural gifts...

The Heavens declare His glory. Three revelations God has given to man. An explanation of the first is given in the first part...

And again: "Show me thy splendour and thy glory, how amazing! When, now, I turn to thee, instantly gain'd, I see thy splendour, how beautiful thou art..."

The Son of God offered his sacred blood, on which, when it is consecrated anew, will be "a tabernacle of God with men, and God himself will dwell with his people forever and ever..."

SAUL WALKING.—The path of the Lord's My soul, never follow thine own path. If thou dost so, thou wilt be in danger often of following sight, and refusing the good.

My soul, never follow thine own path. If thou dost so, thou wilt be in danger often of following sight, and refusing the good. "Commit thy way unto the Lord, and he shall bring it to pass..."

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never take you to heaven. It may pass muster with the eyes of men. It may pass muster very decently at the vestry meeting, in the place of business, in the House of Commons, or in the streets. But it will never comfort you. It will never save your conscience. It will never save your soul. I warn you plainly that all notions and theories about God being merciful without Christ, and excepting through Christ, are baseless delusions and empty fancies. Such theories are as purely an idol of man's invention, as the idol of judgement. They are all of the earth, earthy. They never come down from heaven. The God of heaven has appointed Christ as the one only Saviour and way of life, and all who would be saved must be saved by Him. Reader, take notice. I give you fair warning this day. A religion without Christ will never save your soul. But I have another thing yet to say. A religion is entirely useless in which you join anything with Christ. You must not only depend on Christ for salvation, but you must depend on Christ only and Christ alone. There are multitudes of baptized men and women who profess to love Christ, but in reality do him great dishonour. They give Christ a certain place in their system of religion, but not the place which God intends him to fill. Christ alone is not "all in all," to their souls—No! It is either Christ and the Church—or Christ and the sacraments—or Christ and his ordained ministers—or their own goodness—or Christ and their own prayers,—or their own spirit and sincerity and charity, on which they practically rest their souls. Reader, if you are a Christian of this kind, I warn you also plainly, that your religion is an offence to God. You are changing the means of salvation into a plan of your own devising. You are in effect denying Christ from his throne, by giving the glory due to him to another. I care not who it is that teaches you your religion and on whose word you build. Whether he be the Pope or Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishop, Dean or Archdeacon, Presbyterian or Deacon, Episcopalian or Presbyterian, Baptist or Independent, Wesleyan or Plymouth Brother, whosoever adds anything to Christ teaches you wrong. I care not what it is that you do to Christ. Whether it be the necessity of joining the Church of Rome, or of being an Episcopalian, or of becoming a Free Churchman, or of giving up the liturgy, or of being dipped—whatever you may practically add to Christ in the matter of salvation, you do Christ an injury. Reader, I need what you are doing—Beware of giving to Christ's servants the honour due to none but Christ. Beware of giving the Lord's ordinances the honour due to the Lord. Beware of resting the burden of your soul on anything but Christ and Christ alone. Beware of having a religion which is of no use and cannot do you any good. It is an awful thing to have no religion at all. To have an immortal soul committed to your charge and neglect it, this is dreadful. But it is no less an awful thing to be content with a religion that can do you no good. Reader, do not let this be your case.—J. C. Hyfe.

Paul's Pre-Eminence, and the Secret of it.

"I laboured more abundantly than they all." This was his pre-eminence. This he regarded as among the greatest "signs of an apostle." And well he might; for even his master and exemplar said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work. Must Christ come, who created all things, and upholdeth all things by the word of his power, and who by that simple word expelled diseases and demons, and raised the dead, and must not we?—A work therefore, "abundant labour," stands high among the signs of an apostle, and not only so, but among the "signs of a Christian;" for our highest distinction and proudest glory, as our clearest evidence of Christian character, lie in our resemblance to Christ. We follow a working redeemer, and we must be working disciples. The more abundantly any man "labours," if he "work the works of the Father," the more nearly and manifestly does he resemble Christ, to whose "image" it is the glorious dignity of the child of God to be "conformed." (Rom. viii.)

What, then, was the secret of Paul's pre-eminence? "Howbeit, not I, but the grace of God which was with me." This reveals the whole secret of that wondrous activity which, "from Jerusalem round about unto Illyricum," fully preached the Gospel of Christ. If Paul was eminent, it was because that made him so; and that grace is just as free to you and to me. "He giveth more grace." Let us, then, "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find grace to help us;" and then, pour out our "abundant labours" to God and the souls of men. Is not this the sweetest life on earth, and the surest path to heaven?—*Am. Mag.*

Obituary Notice.

Died, at Manchester, Guxborough County, on the 23rd March, 1855, EDWARD MORRIS, aged 65 years. In the year 1817, he was converted to God, and joined the Congregationalist Church established in this place. This Church afterwards lost its first love, and many of the members became proportionately lukewarm. The deceased, during a considerable period whilst without a pastor, felt the chilling influences of the world in common with others, to such an extent as to frequently mourn the absence of his Saviour. Through many trials and weary years, however, it was the will of the gracious God to preserve his life. Early in the year of 1835 he was assailed by consumption, and his career was rapidly terminated. Whilst daily feeling himself weaker in body, and anticipating that the time of his departure was at hand, he began afresh to devote himself to the Lord, and to plead for a fresh application of the sin-cleansing blood of Jesus. The Lord heard his cries, and again he was enabled to exclaim, "The Lord is precious." His confidence grew stronger as his body became weaker; and he expressed triumphantly his faith that "Christ would guide him through the dark valley." During the last six weeks of his life, he was enabled to say, "I will be once, in that long period of suffering, was heard to murmur. He would frequently bless God for his mercies. On the evening previous to his death, he said to a friend, my master shall call me, and on the following day he sweetly slept in Jesus. He has left a widow, two sons, and four daughters, besides a large circle of friends, to feel their loss, even whilst they say of him, "He has gone before."

His remains were interred on Sabbath afternoon, when the large congregation that attended were addressed by the Rev. J. R. Narraway, W. M., from Numbers xxiii. 10. Glory be unto God for the hope of the resurrection, brought to light by the CROSS. *Manchester, May, 1855.*

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