

RELIGIOUS COMMENT

I Will Go Out.
I will go out into cool woodland places,
Among old forest trees
That have heard many prayers, seen
many faces
Of men, and meet the breeze
And sun and rain, and dwell awhile
with these.

There are calm spirits in the trees and
mountains.
To those with eyes to see
The old wood gods live yet; forests and
mountains
Yield them security;
If I stay silent they will speak with me.
Perfumed with prayers I shall spy them
stealing
Across the dim-lit lawn
Ere evening's torch be raised, or when
reveling
Another day new born
The wind talks with the mountains in
the dawn.

I will go out into cool woodland places
With open heart and ears.
And be a child again, running swift
paces
With backward reaching years,
And laugh again and know God's gift
of tears.

Quiet Hour

Desiring and Obtaining.
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For he that asketh receiveth, and he that knocketh and it shall be opened.—St. Matthew VII., 7, 8.

These words proclaim an unchangeable, universal, eternal law of the kingdom of God. They are not a three-fold repetition of a single thought. They are rather an announcement of the three successive stages in the upward progress of the one law of desiring and obtaining. These steps are not interchangeable. Seeking is not asking. Knocking is neither asking nor seeking. Asking is desire; seeking is desire in action; knocking is active desire concentrated upon a definite purpose and plan.

The words of the text are, we believe, not the language of a "character" in fiction, but an utterance of Christ Jesus. Two of their most impressive qualities are their unquestioning confidence and their unlimited scope. There is no suggestion in them of doubt of the reality of the law; no hint of a limit to the law in time, or in space, or in the nature of things. Ask, seek, knock, at any and you shall receive, you shall find, it shall be opened to you. Painful or pleasant, good or what is thought to be evil, what you wish for, what you look for, what you work for you shall have.

The lesson of the reality and the universality of the law of desiring and obtaining is hard to be learned. Like other hard lessons of human life, this is to be learned only by experience. Man gets opinion and belief from observation. Experience alone brings knowledge. When one has seen the fulfillment of a law of God's kingdom in his own life he knows that the law is real. This is the foundation of his faith in the law and in the God expressed in the law. His faith, too, is the real faith, which results from real understanding, which grows out of real knowledge acquired by man in his own individual experience. No argument can shake such faith. No denial can destroy it. Once attained it is immortal.

From the point of view of human experience there was nothing peculiar in the earthly existence of Jesus Christ. Tested at all points as all humanity is tested, Jesus found what all humanity finds—the knowledge that results from experience, the understanding that accompanies knowledge, the power, the faith, the love that come from understanding. He came into this world a baby groping after power, with almost aimless hands. At the end of his experience on earth he went out from his cross the God-man indued with all power in earth and in heaven. Because we believe that the faith of Jesus in the reality and the universality of the law of desiring and obtaining was an outgrowth from his experience and that his experience was in no essential particular peculiar to himself, we believe the law to be as real for all as it was for him, as real for ourselves as it is for all others. More than this, we ourselves grow into actual faith in the reality of the law, because we find it fulfilled in our own experience, whether in the good which we have desired to do or in the mistakes which we have undoubtedly made.

Whatever we may be doing, therefore, wherever we may be doing it, we will have faith that God gives to those who ask and seek and knock, and that if we desire them and seek them and knock for them we shall receive in due time—that is, in God's good time, all good things—all the knowledge, all the understanding, all the wisdom, all the power, all the humanity is capable!

The Sin of Fretting.
There is one sin which it seems to me is everywhere and by everybody underestimated, and quite too much overlooked in valuation of character. It is the sin of fretting. It is as common as air, as speech, so common that, unless it rises above its usual monotony, we do not even observe it. Watch any ordinary coming together of people and see how many minutes it will be before somebody frets; that is makes more or less complain-

ing statement of something or other which most probably everyone in the room or in the car or on the street corner, it may be, knew before, and probably nobody can help. Why say anything about it? It is cold, it is hot, it is wet, it is dry, somebody has broken an appointment, ill-cooked a meal; stupidity or bad faith somewhere has resulted in discomfort. It is simply astonishing how much annoyances may be found in the course of every day's living, if one only keeps a sharp eye out on that side of things. Even Holy Writ says we are prone to trouble as the sparks fly upward. But even to the sparks flying upward, in the blackest of smoke, there is a blue sky above; and the less time they waste on the road, the sooner they will reach it. Fretting is all time wasted on the road.—Helen Hunt.

Carrying One's Cross.
Life is not easy for any one, and to many people it is very hard. They are carrying every ounce of burden they can possibly carry. They sometimes almost totter beneath their heavy load. Now suppose that, instead of saying cheering words to these people, heartening words which would put new hope and courage into their spirit, we do nothing but criticize them, find fault with them, speak in harsh, unloving way of them; what is the effect upon them? It can only be hurtful. It makes their load all the heavier. Or, rather, it takes out of their heart the enthusiasm, the hope, the courage, and makes it harder for them to go on.

"Carrying one's cross" means simply that you are to go on the road which you see to be the straight one; carrying whatever you find is given to you to carry, as well as as stoutly as you can; without making any faces or calling people to look at you. Above all, you are neither to load nor unload yourself, nor cut your cross to your own liking. But all you have really to do is to keep your back as straight as you can, and not think about what is on it; above all, not to boast of what is on it. The real and essential meaning of virtue is in that straightness of the back.—John Ruskin.

"Fear Not!"
No feeling is more common among men than fear. The bravest soldiers have confessed that on entering into battle they have trembled with terror. Not a few people whose courage has stood the severest tests, have been afraid of such trifles as going alone into a dark room. The vice that can say with authority, "Fear not!" is sure to be welcomed by all who hear it.

That voice speaks to us again and again in the Bible. No book stills our fears like this. It bids us not to be afraid of life with all its difficulties and sorrows and temptations. It assures us that One is standing beside us who will make us more than conquerors.

In the presence of death, too, we hear the same voice uttering its message of cheer and encouragement. No earthly friend however loving, can go down with us into the grave. But the Savior will not suffer us to go alone even there. He will go with us and drive away the terrors of death from before us.

God's Plans.
Do men defeat God's plans? Very often we are told by clergymen that wicked men defeat the plans of our Creator. There are clergymen who claim to know very much about God's plans. Preachers have been known to claim almost infinite knowledge in regard to God and his plans. These men should be more humble. Man compared with God is too insignificant to be mentioned. It is not possible for any man to know very much of God and his plans. Is it not folly then for any man to claim that wicked men, or even good men, can change the plans of God? God's plans are impregnable; they are sure to be executed. Can man stop the tides of the ocean? Can man stop the rising of the sun, or its setting? Can man stop the revolutions of the earth? No! Neither can man change any of God's plans.

The Quaker's Reply.
A certain keeper of a public house was trying to exalt his virtues by declaring that he kept a decent house; that when a man got full of liquor he could get no more, etc. To which a Quaker replied: "Friend, that is the most damnable part of thy business. If these would sell to drunkards and loafers they would help to kill off the race, and society would be rid of them. But thee takes the young, the poor, the innocent and the unsuspecting, making drunkards and loafers of them." When their character and money are all gone these kicks them out, and turns them over to other shops to finish off, and these ensnare others and sends them on the same road to ruin.—Nazarene's Messenger.

Religion and the World.
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The Boy's View.
A small boy was summoned one day to see a balloon ascend, and stood gazing upward with great interest as the great ball grew smaller and smaller in the heavens. Then he clutched his mother excitedly by the arm and asked, "Does God expect these gentlemen to-day?"—New York Daily Tribune.

Boers Might Tame the Turks.
After Macedonia and Bulgaria have been completely depopulated by the Turkish reforms how would it do to establish a few Boer colonies there? No doubt the Turks would acquire from them some very valuable information as to the inadvisability of starting anything that might end in staggering humanity.

Natural Supposition.
A friend of Edward MacDowell attended a recital given by a mediocre teacher's pupils and when he met the American composer he remarked: "I heard one of the pupils, a little girl of 8, play your 'To a Wild Rose.'" The composer sighed dejectedly. "I suppose," MacDowell remarked, "that she pulled it up by the roots!"

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Good Sign.
Chicago beef packers declare that there is no reason for an increase in the price of beef. This assurance that a reason is considered necessary is a hopeful indication.—Washington Star.

Still Another Case.
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