



SAURDAY, APRIL 12, 1901

RELIGIOUS MATTERS

GOD IS NEAR.

Though thy way be dark and dreary, God is near. Near to bless, and guide, and keep thee, Do not fear. 'Tis a sweet thought, comfort-giving, What he'll do, He is present, ever-living, At thy side.

HOPE.

Christian Hope is Grounded in Christian Faith and Inspires to Right Action.

Hope looks for the good and never for the evil. The pessimist would prefer the word "exporation," for we expect the evil as well as the good.

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BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

To despise of man is to dishonor God.—Thorold. Sympathy may be drawn upon for every one but self; the habit of selfishness is deadly.—Wellspring.

some of the Israelites gathered when it was first given. Such riches quickly breed the worms of discontent, and an unsatiable craving for more.—United Presbyterian.

GOD AND THE SOUL.

Human Dependence Upon the Divine Strength a Pivotal Thought in the Christian Religion.

Like as a father pitieth his children.—Psalm, ciii, 13. In the gallery of my memory there hangs a very simple picture which I never look at without peculiar satisfaction.

That is a very imperfect symbol of the true relation between God and the soul. Nothing will exactly typify that relation, but a strong and wise father and a little child dependent on him will serve our purpose.

Whether it is too large a fact for our present intelligence, or whether we are so absorbed in material things that we thrust it aside, I cannot say. But this I know, that if I could convince you that though you are but an atom in the great aggregate of humanity and your life is only a single thread in the vast fabric of progress, still the sun by day and the moon and stars by night shine for you as though you were the only being on earth and they were created to serve you in just that way, that God is your personal God, filling your life with His presence, ready, willing, anxious to serve you as though heaven and earth were made for you alone, I would fill you with conscious dignity, and so enlarge your conception of your destiny that you would be transformed and transfigured.

The thought is central in the Bible. The doctrine and the sermon on the mount swing on it as on a pivot. That one thought constitutes true religion. For 18 centuries it has been vibrating through the generations, and you and I have looked at it and not recognized it. It is, indeed, the whole of religion, for he who has God in his heart owns the universe and must needs keep his face turned toward heaven.

To know that all the forces of the universe are on your side and will assist in your development is a heritage into the full possession of which we have not yet entered, a truth so grand that he who receives it becomes ennobled; a truth so precious that when the shoulders bend beneath the burdens of life the soul still rejoices, for the power to bear is given by Him who is at your side, though invisible.

The religion which has that for its pivotal point is like the bugle call which announces victory. Human and divine have met and become one. God and man are working for the same sublime purpose. The Christ has at last achieved His mission. What is to be borne will be borne in the sublime consciousness that even the hard passages of life lead to greater light. Some may weep, but wet eyes see beyond the clouds the outstretched hands of loved ones beckoning the weary soul to its rest. That thought is the beginning, mean and end of all things, and man rises to a knowledge of his sonship to the Father.

God in the heart is a welcome guest! Life a school from which to graduate, the lessons learned, into the Nearer Presence! Grasp this truth, guard it, and every day will become a stepping stone to higher things.—George H. Hepworth, in N. Y. Herald.

The Hungry Man No Epicure. A hungry man is never a discriminating epicure. If you think the sermon was poor and your neighbor thinks it was good, it is a pretty reliable sign that your neighbor came to church with more hunger and thirst after righteousness than you did.—Chicago Interior.

When Thinking of the Future, we should think, not of what is probable for us, but of what is possible for us.—Wellspring. "Do you call this realistic fiction?" asked the critic. "Certainly," replied the author. "What's the matter with it?" "It's altogether too probable," answered the critic.—Chicago Post.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

St. Paul's parish, Eastchester, N. Y., is 228 years old. Its present rector, Rev. William Samuel Coffey, has served it for half a century.

An earnest effort, with some promise of success, is being made by the Congregationalists of England to provide a fixed pension available for every one of their ministers over 65 years of age.

The American board of foreign missions finds India one of the largest and most accessible fields in the world. It has a population of over 291,000,000 who are accessible to the Christian teacher.

The Salvation Army is floating an issue of \$150,000 of bonds to provide homes for the poor. On file are applications from more than 1,000 families anxious to leave New York city and settle on farming land.

Benjamin F. Jacobs, who was the originator of the international uniform lesson series, which was adopted at the Indianapolis convention in 1872, has just retired from Sunday school work after a service extending over 46 years.

A united Methodist hymn book in England is said to be now clear. It is agreed that the Wesleyans, embracing about 2,112,000 adherents, the Methodist New Connexion with 168,000, the Reform Union with 44,000, the Irish Methodists with 100,000, and the Methodists of Australia with 1,000,000 shall unite in using the hymnal when ready.

During the year 1901 the mission-aries of the American Sunday School union in the northwestern district have organized 321 new Sunday schools, having 1,771 teachers and 16,497 scholars, reorganized 316 schools, having 994 teachers and 9,790 scholars. They aided other and old schools in 2,015 cases, where 8,809 teachers are giving Bible instruction to 95,936 scholars, delivered 9,421 addresses, distributed 4,907 Bibles and Testaments, made 97,303 visits to families, circulated \$4,143 worth of religious literature and traveled 592,177 miles.

WHAT WOMEN ARE WEARING.

Sleeves are exceedingly ornate below the elbow, but tucks and cordings or occasional insertions appear above, these kept closely shaped and fitted.

Tea gowns of diaphanous materials are now used in place of dinner gowns (in one's own home, of course) by some women. This makes it necessary to have several with low necks.

Waistcoats are of the fanciful type and very few are perfectly plain. Spotted pannes with a pouched front and the fastening arranged with tiny straps of velvet and steel buttons is chic in a cloth gown, and so is a vest composed of alternate stripes of tulle silk and lace, with three lines of beige velvet drawn in and out.

Silk gingham and mercerized Madras amount to the same thing. Both are charming fabrics for morning frocks when the mercury climbs high in the tube. With the plain colors a beautiful and distinguished effect may be had. Pretty, too, are those with white coral stripes; these come in reseda, coral, castor and gray and maize.

The flower hat leads all others. It is made of roses, in shaded pink, in toque shape and with only just enough tulle showing underneath the flowers to give them a soft appearance—flowers, be it known, are sometimes a bit stiff and hard. The tulle is either green, the color of the leaves, rose pink, white or black, but the green is the smartest.

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