

A QUIVER OF ARROWS

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

FROM HOMILETIC REVIEW.

Daily Tasks.

Helen Keller, deaf and blind, has written a book on "Optimism," recently published. Here is a bit of it:

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task; but it is my chief duty and joy to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble."

Building castles in the air and leaving the floor unswept and the front gate hanging on one hinge doesn't help the world along. The parable of the talents tells us that.

Possessions that Perish.

On a marble slab that marks the burial place of a number of Iroquois Indians, in Cooperstown, N. Y., is the following inscription:

"White men, Greeting! We, near whose bones you stand, were Iroquois.

The wide land which now is yours was ours.

Friendly hands have given back to us enough for a tomb."

"Enough for a tomb." That tells the story of the whole human race, white, black, and red. "Naked shall he return," etc. (Eccles. 5. 15). But there are possessions that endure.

Personal Recognition.

A touch of pathos is given by Dr. Jane Robbins to this year's report of her experiences as head-worker of the New York Alumnae Settlement:

"One of the most pathetic things in New York life is the desire of the child to have his name taken. He seems to realize that he stands in great danger of being lost in the struggle, and his only hope for recognition lies in knowing that his name is written down on a slip of paper. 'Teacher, take my name,' is a common cry, even when a child has a very vague idea as to why his name is being taken."

That was a comforting assurance God gave to Moses: "I know thee by name" (Ex. 33:12). It implies close personal relations with God, not only for Moses, but for all whose names are "written in the Lamb's book of life." (Rev. 21:27).

The Crucifixion.

The great French painter, Jean Leon Gerome, who died a few days ago, painted a picture of the crucifixion which he regarded as his masterpiece. You do not see in it the cross or the Christ, but simply the long shadow projected over the ground. The Springfield "Republican" thus describes it:

"He did not present the scene on Calvary, but the shadows of the crosses, cast athwart a stormy sky, while the throng—Roman soldiery

and Jewish populace alike—are seen returning to Jerusalem. Here his intellectual imagination beheld the somber shadow of doom, and cast it over the hills and valleys in tremendous power. It is the antithesis of the hideous realism of Verestchagin's picture of 'Crucifixion in Judea,' where the bloody sacrifice excluded the idea of the spiritual drama."

It is the spiritual drama on Calvary, that projects itself down the centuries, into national history, into the hearts of unnumbered individuals, that counts. The physical suffering lasted a few hours; the spiritual influence for all the centuries.

The Image of God.

The Secretary of State, John Hay, has a painting of the Madonna, done by Botticelli, the Florentine painter, four hundred years ago. It was painted on a panel of wood, and has a market value of \$40,000. Some time ago the wood began to crack, on the reverse side, and, as the cracks gradually enlarged, it was feared they would soon extend through and mar the picture. A costly and very delicate process was resorted to to save it. The object was to separate completely the thin layer of paint from the wood on which it was laid. The face of the painting was carefully protected by pasting on it hundreds of tiny slips of tissue paper, pressing them down to conform to the paint wrinkles, so that when the painting was laid on its face the pressure would be equal at all points. The operation then is thus described by "The Sun's" Washington correspondent:

"The really important and delicate work was now begun. This was the removal of the wood from the sheet of paint. The operation was performed almost entirely by the use of sandpaper, and to make one understand how tedious was the undertaking it is only necessary to say that the panel was nearly an inch thick.

"Months of effort brought the operator near to the paint, and the most scrupulous care had then to be exercised. As the wood was reduced the polishing-away process became slower. Finally only the thinnest possible sheet of wood, thinner even than the paint adhering to its under side, remained.

"Here came the crucial test. A too vigorous rub, a slip of the hand, a failure to perceive instantly the first appearance of the paint and coating, might have proved fatal to the valuable masterpiece, which it was desired to preserve. But care, patience, keen eyesight, and steady nerve won the day, and the last vestige of wood was resolved into powder, leaving only a thin layer of paint lying in a bed of tissue paper."

Canvass was then pasted on the back of the thin layer of paint, and, when dried, the beautiful work of art was found uninjured and safe for centuries more. And all this trouble for a

painted image! The image of God in every soul—how much more valuable, created by how infinitely greater an artist than Botticelli! What is it worth? At what infinite pains, at what immeasurable cost, has God, through the sacrifice of His Son, endeavored to preserve that image!

The Greatest Battle.

Joaquin Miller once wrote a poem on "The Greatest Battle that Ever was Fought," which was in a woman's heart. Something of the same feeling animates the following poem in the New Orleans "Picayune," written by Dean J. Rice:

"... the will of God. All high and low, joy and sorrow, all honor and dishonor, all friendship and enmity, are brought to a level, and are merged and lost in the great realization of God present in the heart. Hence prisons and dungeons have no terrors; a bed of pain is as a bed of down.

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Many a soldier, under the eye of his commanding general, does heroic deeds. In the "battle of every day" every Christian soldier is under the eye of his commander constantly. "Quit yourselves like men." (1 Sam. 4:9). Said Browning: "I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on."

Moderate Drinking.

Some one has said that the man who drinks and staggers is less dangerous as an example than the man who drinks and stands. "The Century Magazine" has an original bit of dialogue, as follows:

"I positively decline to have that young Clippercut in my house again. His influence on my son is most dangerous."

"Why, my friend, he is far from being a bad fellow. He has his follies, I admit, but how unlike such really vicious men as Grogster, Cardflip, and Ponyback."

"Sir, the only danger of a sunken rock is that it is not sunk deep enough."

It is not the slum or the sot that entices young men into the drink habit.

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in us, no matter what, will be made the most of, because the corresponding Christly talent will be playing divinely with it, and changing it with power from Himself.' And it is not only the efficiency of talents and acts which thus pours out from holiness, but in this alone is to be found the efficiency of common habit, too. Unless our habits of honesty, temperance, unselfishness and purity derive from and ever return to the habit of a holy will in the heart yearning Christwards, we cannot trust them."

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Trials a Chariot.

The trials, crosses, hardships, and battles of life may be used in such a way as to become the wings on which the spirit is borne to lofty heights of victory.

Hannah Whitall Smith emphasizes this truth as follows: "I have not a shadow of doubt that if all our eyes could be opened today, we should see our homes, and our places of business, and the streets we traverse, filled with the 'chariots of God.'" There is no need for any one of us to walk for lack of chariots. That cross inmate of your household, who has hitherto made life a burden to you, and who has been the juggernaut car to crush your soul into dust, may henceforth be a glorious chariot to carry you to the heights of heavenly patience and longsuffering. That misunderstanding, that mortification, that unkindness, that disappointment, that loss, that defeat,—all these are chariots waiting to carry you to the heights of victory you have so longed to reach. Mount into them, then, with thankful hearts and lose sight of all second causes in the shining of His love who will carry you in His arms safely and triumphantly over it all."

Press the Battle.

Those who have moved this world most for God have been men and women of intense earnestness. They have not fought merely behind breastworks, but have carried the war into the enemy's country. They have walked with God and He through them has wrought wondrously. Just now a clarion call is needed to arouse slumbering Christians to a

sense of their duty so that they will grasp their swords and rush to the front of the battle and do valiant service for the King. A large number of Christians who ought to be on the firing line are in the hospital. General William Booth, in writing to the Salvation Army in America, says: "Preach more plainly and energetically than ever the fundamental truths I have pressed on your attention, the truths about God and sin, and Christ and Judgment, and Heaven and Hell.

"Urge more persistently than heretofore the necessity for conversion, and holiness, and truth, and faith. Magnify the willingness, and anxiety, and ability that God feels to save all men alike, whether rich or poor, gentle or simple; the wise, the moral, the high and the lofty; or the drunkards, the harlots, the criminals and the profane.

Push salvation, my comrades. Force it on the attention of the crowds. Compel them to come in. Make men and women be saved, not forgetting the dear children.

Wrestle with God and men.

Here and there salvation will come in running rivulets, here and there in broad rivers and streams, and here and there in rolling ocean floods.

And as Heaven inspired Earth to sing 'Glory to God in the highest' two thousand years ago, so Earth in the near future will inspire Heaven to sing 'Hallelujah! The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Jehovah has triumphed, His people are free!'"

Undaunted Courage.

Not long since, we read of a poor blind girl in China who had been kept as a slave for immoral purposes until a broken limb necessitated her removal to a Christian hospital where her limb was amputated. She became a Christian and remained in the institution going around on one foot washing windows and doing like jobs about the hospital until she took the leprosy. Then, instead of sitting down and moping her life away in dragging out a miserable existence, she went to a leper colony and labored till a revival broke out among the unfortunate victims of that dread malady. If a poor girl with no eyes and only one limb and afflicted with the leprosy could accomplish such results, what might we do?

One of our exchanges gives the following incident:

"Two years ago, a Missouri man named William Brinkman, a blind man, married a woman likewise blind, and, in addition, totally paralyzed. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat tells what he had accomplished since then, unaided by charity:

This blind man has paid for a home and improved it to a present worth of \$800. He has sold 3,880 pounds of peanuts and 31,000 popcorn balls.

After preparing the morning meal and guiding the food to the mouth of the helpless wife,

you have something *very special*, do not make your articles run over a page as it is difficult to make the paper look well with fragments of articles continued on other pages. You can easily avoid this by not sending more than 1500 words. If those who have so faithfully and efficiently labored with us in the publication of LIVING WATER will kindly heed these suggestions we will certainly appreciate it.

The Christ Spirit.

Living with Jesus we are changed more and more into His image, the Christ life within will form the holy habit without. The nature of the tree is known by its fruits. Robert E. Speer, writing on this subject, says: "Not only is holiness itself only real when it is habit, but the other habits of a righteous life are only safe when bound on to the habit of holiness as their root and sanction and security. 'The grand first thing, or chief concern for us,' as Bushnell said, 'is to be simply Christed all through, filled in every faculty and member with His Christly manifestation, in that manner to be so interwoven with Him as to cross fiber, and feel throughout the quickening contact of His personality; and then everything

he rolls the peanut-roaster down town, returning home at noon and night for the other meals.

He does all the housekeeping. Besides that, he tunes pianos, repairs clocks and organs. Recently he took an organ of 420 pieces apart, cleaned it and had it together and was playing on it in four hours. A short time ago Mr. Brinkman performed the perilous feat of climbing the court-house tower and repairing the town clock, when experts had failed."

What a rebuke to those who so easily yield to discouragement. Beware of this demon. Never pine and fret over misfortune. Master (through grace) your circumstances. Don't listen at the enemy's whispers that you can't do anything. Rise above all unfavorable environment and shout the victory. The Lord will use you in some way.

Perhaps the very odds against which you have to contend will afford the very discipline you need in order to scale the highest heights of usefulness.

Maltbie D. Babcock says: "There is more cause for joy than for complaint in the hard and disagreeable circumstances of life. Browning said: 'I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on.' Spell the word 'discipline' with a final 'g'—'discipling.' We are here to learn time's lesson for eternity's business. What does it signify if the circumstances about us are not of our choice, if by them we can be trained, learning the lessons of patience, fortitude, perseverance, self-denying service, acquiescence with God's will, and the hearty doing of it. Circumstances do not make character. The noblest character can emerge from the worst surroundings, and moral failures come out of the best. Just where you are, take the things of life as tools, and use them for God's glory; so you will help the kingdom come, and the Master will use the things of life in cutting and polishing you so that there shall some day be seen in you a soul conformed to His likeness."

Strength Through Obedience

As has been well said, religion is one of those things that the more you export the more you import. The more you give the more you receive. The strong, rich character which the Lord gives to them who obey Him is worth infinitely more than any of our paltry gifts even though we give our little all. It is only when we lose our lives for His sake that we really live. Many are starving themselves by their stingy, covetous living. Others when they do give, do not want the offering to go farther than their selfish interest extends. Ah, what a mistake. Jacob A. Riis says: "Every once in a while I hear some one growl against foreign missions, because the money and the strength put into them are needed at home. I did it myself when I did not know better, God forgive me. I know better now, and I will tell you how I found it out. I became interested in a strong religious awaken-

ing in my own old city of Copenhagen, and I set about investigating it. It was then that I learned what others had learned before me, and what was the fact there, that for every dollar you give away to convert the heathen world, God gives you ten dollars' worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home."

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Three Classes of Christians

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as a pleasant and a loud song, and in many things have done nobly, will unfold to the right and the left, and let this little company, of whom the world is ignorant, and whom it cannot know, come up from their secret places to the great battle of the Lord. To them the prison is as acceptable as the throne; a place of degradation as the place of honor. They eat of the "hidden manna," and they have the secret name given them, "which no man knoweth." Ask them how they feel, and they will perhaps be startled, because their thoughts are thus turned from God to themselves. And they will answer by asking what God wills. They have no feeling separate from the will of God. All high and low, all joy and sorrow, all honor and dishonor, all friendship and enmity, are brought to a level, and are merged and lost in the great realization of God present in the heart. Hence chains and dungeons have no terrors; a bed of fire is as a bed of down.

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RE-CONVERTED CHRISTIANS

THEODORE L. CUYLER, IN THE ADVANCE

"When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." These words were not addressed by the Lord Jesus Christ to an impenitent sinner; they were addressed to Simon Peter before his disgraceful denial of his Master. "Simon," says the heart-searching Savior, "Satan has asked to have you that he might sift you as wheat; but I have made supplication for thee that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." Three important facts stand out in this declaration. The first one is that Peter was not at that time a stranger to true religion; for Christ recognizes that he has "faith." The second fact is that while Satan was about to sift poor Peter with a terrible temptation, Christ had interceded for him that he should not fall away into utter apostasy. The third fact is that Christ foresaw that after his disgraceful fall there should be a recovery, and the impetuous Peter would be one of the most powerful of His apostles.

The word "convert" in the New Testament signifies to face about or turn around. It describes the movement of a ship when it is "put about" on an opposite course—or the action of a flower when it turns towards the sun. Re-conversion is not regeneration. The Bible gives no hint of a second or third new birth of the soul. Re-conversion is neither a second awakening of a sinner, or a second regeneration of one who is a true Christian. It is simply a penitent return to God and to the path of duty on the part of an erring and backsliding believer. Peter did not cease to be a Christian on that night of his shameful denial. Nor does many a Christian during his or her seasons of spiritual declension. There is life there, but it is life at a pitifully low ebb. Like an apple tree in mid-winter, their roots may be still alive under all the biting cold; but there are no fruits of the Spirit on their bare and barren branches.

Peter's heart-process in re-conversion was similar to that in original conversion in two vital particulars. He sorrowed for his sin and repented of it. He came to Jesus in genuine faith and entered on a new path of obedience. Re-conversion is a turning unto God; it differs from a first conversion in two respects—viz, the point set-out from is a different point, and the distance traveled over is vastly less.

Tens of thousands of church members are in painful need of a thorough re-conversion. The church gets very little from them except their names on its roll and their appearance at the communion table. The community gets nothing from their religion. Not only do they not help the work of the church, they

are a hindrance and a reproach. No "revival" is more needed than a re-awakening and a re-conversion of backsliding church members. I once heard the venerable Dr. Lyman Beecher say that during a powerful revival in Cincinnati there was a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the "Lane Theological Seminary" of which he was then the president. Several of the students whose religious experience had been very shallow and whose spiritual life was very feeble, abandoned their hopes, and dug down deeper to find the Rock. They were re-converted; and the doctor said that these re-converted men were especially effective when they got into their ministry.

The first thing for every backsliding church member to do is to come back to Christ. If, like penitent Peter, he weeps bitterly, all the better for him. "He restoreth my soul." The Lord Jesus Christ re-energizes the life,

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aroused conscience and sincere penitence; is a genuine evidence of re-conversion.

I have no doubt that the sad story of Peter's sin and recovery is given in the Scripture for the instruction of those who have fallen into spiritual declension, as truly as the experience of Joseph is given to teach the virtue of chastity, or that of Daniel to teach the virtue of courage, or that of Elijah to illustrate the power of prayer. Peter's honest tears of penitence and his subsequent "Thou knowest that I love Thee" were the prelude to his glorious apostleship. A stronger and more sympathetic man than ever, he was able to help and to strengthen his weaker brethren. With what earnestness might he have sounded that solemn caution "let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall!"

Perhaps this article may come under the eye of some member of Christ's flock whose spiritual thermometer is sinking to zero, and who having a name to live are not much better than dead. Don't rely on a bygone experience already become musty and mouldy. Repent afresh and "do thy first work." Let your earnest prayer be, "O God, renew a right spirit within me; restore unto me the joy of thy salvation!" Then with Christ's help, begin to live and speak and act and work as a re-converted Christian.

Man-like is it to fall into sin,
Fiend-like is it to dwell therein,
Saint like is it for sin to grieve,
Christ-like is it all sin to leave.

Brooklyn, New York.

Death.

Night and darkness are poor similes for death. In "Harper's Magazine" is a quatrain by William Sharp that touches the point:

WALT WHITMAN.

go to meet the sunrise: 'tis the word
Last uttered by the post's falling breath:
That battle-hymn or psalm over heard,
More glorious music made in the ears of Death?

The same thought was expressed in an editorial tribute written on the death of a great man a few years ago. "For us, mourning; for him, morning—the morning of eternity."

—Selected.

Lack of Moral Courage.

In a recent issue of "The Evening Post" (New York) a contributor assails a certain public man celebrated for physical courage, but, in the writer's opinion, lacking in moral courage. He is compared to the Frenchman, who said: "I am verree strong. I can reseest anything but a temptation."—Sel.

Look upon each new day which comes as an opening into a higher world and a better life. When an opportunity of doing good comes, think that God sends it. Be faithful in small things, because they also are divine duties.—James Freeman Clarke.

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