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A WONDROUS TRUTH.

And Jesus, immediately knowing that virtue had gone out of him, turned and said, "Who touched my clothes?" Mark, v., 30.

This little incident contains the clew in a whole system of spiritual philosophy. For many centuries we have recognized its pathos without perceiving the truth that lay behind it. The time has come, however, in the world's enlarged experience and widening knowledge when we have taken another look and found with glad surprise a revelation of heretofore unknown possibilities.

Not all that Christ said two thousand years ago is yet understood. There are summits still covered with mist, and it is more than probable that scores of generations must pass before we can make practical use of many truths which are literally buried in the Scriptures awaiting resurrection. The lightning has always been in the clouds, but until the race has reached a certain intellectual strength the discovery was impossible. You may state the principles of algebra to a child, but he does not appreciate them until he becomes a man. In the Bible moral is concealed than in revealed, but little by little as we grow toward maturity we open new windows and get new views.

Look at the text once more. A sick woman pressed through the crowd, knelt on the ground, touched his garment, and was healed. It was a miracle. Names count nothing, but in God's world everything is orderly. In that incident no law was broken, but a new law was announced. To produce results in accordance with higher laws than those generally known is apparently to work miracles. Christ's ways were simply God's ways, and therefore in our ignorance we find it difficult to explain Him.

But stranger than the cure is the fact that He immediately knew that "virtue had gone out of Him." Then He suffered actual loss of something, and was conscious of the loss, and that something was of such a nature that it wrought a physical change in its recipient.

Two great laws are laid bare, and we must needs tremble in their presence, for they are far reaching in their possible influence. If we ponder them they will make for us a new heaven and a new earth.

In the first place, if the woman's attitude had been one of doubt instead of faith her disease would not have been affected by contact. We are now treading upon very sacred ground, and the truth is made clear that when you and God are in close relations the storm ceases and there is calm. The woman believed, trusted, yearned for help, and that frame of mind is the basis, the only basis, of true religion. There were others in that crowd who must have touched Him also, either because of the press or from curiosity, but nothing unusual occurred. And the reason why they too were not healed is that God never goes through the closed door of a heart. If you open the door and stand on the threshold to welcome the guest, He comes. If you turn your face toward the west, then for you there is no sunrise, but if you face the east and wait, the morning will break on your troubled life.

In the second place, if—and I say it reverently—if Christ had been self-seeking or worldly, no virtue would have gone out of Him. Selfishness is misery. It would have clutched the wondrous possession and kept it within narrow limits for narrow purposes. The willingness of Christ to give, because He loves with infinite compassion, and the anxiety of man to receive—there, and there only, can be found material out of which to construct a world-saving religion. Heavy reaching down and man reaching up—then comes the union and the communion which works miracles. What are your colds and chills? Statements of truths that are merely secondary which you gather together and call a creed—what are they when compared with these two glowing facts? A creed is truth frozen into glittering ice-flees, but Christ's words are a

blazing fire on the wintry hearthstone which gives new life to the benumbed traveler who knocks at the door and asks for shelter. But a third fact must not be neglected. Christ's love and sympathy created that something which is called "virtue" and which He could impart as a remedy for spiritual and physical ills. If we, too, become pure in heart and walk in company with "unseen beings," shall not we, too, have a multiplicity of the same "virtue," and cannot we in our smaller way bless the world? What a vista opens before us! If we could get free from the bondage of passion, could feel that nothing is of value except the beautiful, the true and the good; could liberally dwell among heavenly thoughts, do what is right simply because it is right, and regard this life as a few lines of preface to the life eternal, then our broken-heartedness and our despondency would take their flight and leave us gentle pilgrims to the far away shore. And the poor and sorrowing and bereaved who came in touch with our quiet lives would receive of the "virtue" which makes one strong and glad. Religion, rightly understood, is the staff on which we lean as we climb toward the stars.

GEORGE H. HEPWORTH.

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