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THE DENIED REQUEST.

MARK 10: 44.

They asked for the place of honor,
For seats at their Lord's right hand,
To be nearest, dearest, closest,
Of the chosen and loving band.

But list to the Master's answer,
Sweet chiding they well deserve,
"The gifts of the heavenly kingdom
Are only for those who serve."

Deem we that the plea was selfish,
And tainted with pride of earth?
Ah! dare we search in our own weak
hearts

For the wishes that there have birth?

For what is our fond desiring,
But to be of the chosen few,
To bear the most beautiful message,
The loftiest work to do!

But tender and touched with pity
As it fell from the lips divine,

Comes the truth that patient service
Must lead to those heights sublime.

The service of ardent labor,
Of ministries small and slight,
Of hands that are strong and able,
Of hands that are weak and white;

The service of tears and sorrow,
Of suffering and beds of pain;

For often life's truest service
To our sight seems loss, not gain,

While ever beyond lifts the promise,
Cheering hearts that grow weary and
swerve,

"The gifts of the heavenly kingdom
Are waiting for those who serve."

—ELA THOMAS, in *Christian Intelligencer*.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We regret that the article of Bro. G. O. Burnett printed in our columns some weeks ago contained several typographical errors. The proof was badly read. Such things will occur sometimes in spite of all the pains editors and proof readers may take. The greatest difficulty we have to contend with is usually bad writing. This was not the case however, with the article in question. Give us another one as good, Bro. G.

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. W. Y. Taylor, of Weatherford, Texas, in which he says: "Herein

I send postal note for one dollar, for which please send me the CHRISTIAN HERALD six months. If not hindered will visit Oregon and Washington Territory next spring, and may conclude to locate permanently there. Texas is too hot for me. Would expect to teach and preach, or preach altogether." Here is a chance for some of our churches to secure preaching. We are not acquainted with Bro. Taylor, but feel safe in saying he is a worthy man. We will be glad to have him visit this coast.

We have sent out a number of reminders to some of our subscribers who have allowed themselves to run behind on the paper. Our object is not to *dun* our subscribers, but to simply remind them that we have hundreds of dollars *now due* on subscriptions which we are *actually needing*. Some of our best subscribers who get behind are thankful for these reminders and always remit promptly on receiving them. We hope none will become offended, but that all will please remember our printers must be paid, and this must be done by those who read the paper. Will our agents please look after this matter *at once*? Let them also remit all money they may have on hand. Brethren, don't forget this.

In a letter from Bro. A. McLean, of Cincinnati, he says: "The Foreign Society has appointed Garabed

Kevorkian as its missionary to Takat, in Asia Minor. You have heard of this brother. He comes to us very highly recommended by Profs. Graham and McGarvey. Indeed, all who know him speak favorably of him as a Christian and a scholar. He will sail from New York in a few days. We expect great good to come out of this new mission." We are personally acquainted with this brother, having met him in Lexington, Ky., and are glad to know that he has been appointed to this mission. We think no better selection could have been made. It looks as though the very field in which the apostles themselves established churches is soon to hear the pure gospel of Christ again, and be made to rejoice.

The great Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, composed of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, the General Christian Missionary Convention and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, has just closed its session and the various reports, as given in our Eastern exchanges, are before us. The delegation was good, but not so large as last year, there being only about 400 in attendance. A lively interest was maintained throughout. It is thought that for all purposes something near \$30,000 was raised during the convention. On the whole, it is thought that these conventions are a decided success in the progress of the cause of Christ, and they propose to do more solid work in the future than during the past. Their reports relating to the last year's work make a reasonably good showing, and we wish them all success within the proper limits of Divine authority.

The *A. C. Review* says; "Bro. Timothy Coop, of England, contributed \$1,000 toward the German mission in Cincinnati. All hail to this missionary chief! The Woman's Board will take charge of this mission. This will make the heart of Bro. Mueller glad. He is

worthy, and deserves to be sustained." We are glad to know that this work among the Germans is being so well sustained. Bro. Coop is a missionary who needs not to be ashamed. This is one way to preach the gospel that is overlooked by many Christians; yet such men as Timothy Coop are doing more real preaching with their money, than many who stand behind the sacred desk as the teachers of the people. Then as all Christians are required to preach the gospel of Christ in some way, we think those who cannot do so to edification with their mouths should make good use of their pocket-books.

Dr. J. W. Cox retires from his position as one of the editors of the *Apostolic Times*. In his retiring card he says, "The reason for this act is, that in the judgment of the Proprietor and Managing Editor of the *Times* my writings, as an editor, have been damaging to the paper." We presume that the most objectional feature of the Doctor's writings are his views on the design of baptism. It has been generally known for some time that he differs from his brethren on one of the most important points of this question. He says: "As to baptism for the remission of sins, I do not believe it is the ordinance which is for the remission of sins, or that for which God grants pardon, but for Christ's death alone which is represented in baptism, and which is the sole object of faith." We think with this view of baptism conscientiously held, as he states, brother Cox did exactly right in withdrawing from a paper set for the defense of a different view of the design of baptism. There is no one question among us, as a people, about which there is more perfect agreement that baptism along with faith and repentance for the remission of sins. We very much regret that the Dr. does not see this question in its true light, and it is to be hoped that he will yet be enabled to do much good for the cause of Christ.

J. W. Coombs 1884