

Lights In The World.

Salvation though not of works is for works. "Show me thy faith by thy works," is the demand of St. James; "Be careful to maintain good works," is the counsel of St. Paul; and the testimony of the whole Bible is, that faith without works is dead. We are not called into the vineyard to sit idle to fold our hands and go to sleep. They that sleep, sleep in the night; but believers are children of the light and of the day, and much to do. In amending our habits, in cultivating our hearts, resisting temptation, in fighting the good fight to keep the faith, our banner flying, and step by step, win the way to glory, how much we have to do?—so much that an idle Christian were as great a contradiction in terms, as a dishonest, or licentious Christian. In respect even of our own interests and spiritual welfare, may we not use the words of Nehemiah, and say to the world when with winning smiles or brow of care, it solicits our hearts and time: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down?"

But no man liveth for himself—no Christian at least; and in a world so full of sorrow, and suffering, and oppression, and ignorance, and wrong, and crimes, where sinners perish around us a great shipwreck, some dashed on cruel rocks, and others drowning in the waves, and all by their danger crying: "Help, we perish!"—instead of having nothing to do, might we not wish to have a thousand heads to plan, and a thousand hands to work, the zeal of Paul, the wealth of Solomon, and the years of Methuselah? Let us pity the world; and endeavor, praying and working, so to shine that others, seeing our good works; may be guided to heaven, and glorify our Father there—each such a light or light-house as one of Eniland's bold engineers raised on the reef which owed its dreaded name to the waters that eddied and boiled around it. To save our seamen from a watery grave, their wives from widowhood, their little ones from the miseries and crimes of neglected orphanage, what dangers he faced!—as on that night when, hurrying on deck, he saw white breakers all around, and above their roar and the shrieks of the tempest, heard the helmsman cry: "For God's sake, heave hard at that rope, if you mean to save your lives!"—and the vessel, with scrimp room to turn, obeyed her helm and rounded off. Example to to all who reek a yet higher object—to save men's souls from ignorance, and vice, and hell—what anxieties he felt to bring his enterprise to a happy issue! On the Hoe headland, where Drake first saw Spains proud Armada, a'one in the grey morning, after a tempestuous night, he might be seen looking out, with telescope at his eye, over a raging sea, for his yet unfinished structure; and heard saying, as a tall, white pillar of spray, suddenly gleaming on the far horizon, revealed his work and removed his fears. "Thank God it stands!" Would that Christian men and women were as anxious that God would "establish the work of our hand," and make each of them, through a loving, active pious life, a light shining in a dark place, in a dangerous and perishing world!—such as that lighthouse to the homeward bound, whose course it guides, and whose heart leap with joy when, as it rises to the eye of the outlook like a star across the waters, the cry is sung out from the mast-head, and echoed in every cabin: "The Eddystone is in sight!" Nor do we fear but those who thus work for God and Christ, and the good of men, will imitate Smeaton in giving the glory where glory is due, inscribing on their lives the words which, as the last work of the mason's chisel, he had cut on that monument of his genius and humanity, "Laus Deo!"—Praise to God! A fitting motto these

for the heavenly crown; and also for a life on earth which, founded on the Rock of Ages, and built up through grace amid many trials, hardships and storms of temptation, has been blessed of God to guide heavenward-bound to their desired haven, and by shining on their way to Jesus, to save those that were ready to perish!—Dr. Guthrie.

A Cautious Boarder.

Charles Thompson, Secretary to the first American Congress, was noted for his caution. It may be due in part to this trait—one of no mean importance in those stormy days—that he held the office, through successive appointments, during fifteen years. An anecdote exhibits his caution and prudence.

When a young man, he boarded with a school-teacher and his wife, both noted for slanderous tongues. For some good cause Thompson wished for a new boarding-house; but he dreaded to leave the teacher's family, fearing that his character might suffer from their backbiting. He, however, hit upon an ingenious expedient to prevent them from slandering him. One evening he gravely inquired if his conduct as a boarder had been satisfactory to them. "Entirely so," replied both husband and wife.

"Would you be willing to give me a certificate to that effect?" he asked.

"Oh, certainly!" and they wrote one then and there.

The next day Thompson moved to another house. Thanks to his caution, he parted in peace from his host, and they never disturbed it.

By-and-By.

What will it matter by-and-by, Whether my path below was bright, Whether it wound through dark or light Under a gray or golden sky, When I look back on it, by-and-by

What will it matter by-and-by Whether, unhelped, I toiled alone, Dashing my foot against a stone, Missing the charge of the angel nigh, Bidding me think of the by-and-by?

What will it matter by-and-by, Whether with laughing joy I went Down through the years with a glad content,

Never believing, nay, not I, Tears would be sweeter by-and-by?

What will it matter by-and-by, Whether with cheek to cheek I've lain Close by the pallid angel, pain, Soothing myself through sob and sigh, "All will be elsewise by-and-by?"

What will it matter? Naught, if I Only am sure the way I've trod, Gloomy or gladdened, leads to God, Questioning not of the how, the why, If I but reach him by-and-by.

What will I care for the unshored sigh, If, in my fear of slip or fall, Closely I've hung to Christ through all, Mindless how rough the path might lie, Since he will smooth it by-and-by?

Ah! it will matter by-and-by, Nothing but this: That Joy or Pain Lifted me skyward, helped to gain, Whether through rack, or smile, or sigh, Heaven—home—all in all, by-and-by! —Selected.

High-top Boots.

You'd better not call me Captain Boots, I've grown too big for that; It is time that I played with girls no more And I think that I'll drop the cat. Old hen, if you snap your spurs at me, You will have to stand a fight with three— A couple of boots and a man, do you see? Ho! pretty good boots! Ho! high-top boots, Ho! gentleman's boots for me.

Stand out of the way, I'm going to walk, I'll tread on somebody soon. Oh! how they do squeak! Yes how they talk!

I think it good as a tune. They tie themselves without strings, They match like a pair of angel wings, New leather! I hope you smell the things. Ho! pretty good boots! Ho! high-top boots, Ho! gentleman's boots for me.

I wish it was Sunday, to go to church, I wish it was Monday to play, I wish it was Tuesday to ride my horse, I wish it was every day. I will wear them to bed, for Uncle Jim Might fill them with water up to the brim, As once I filled his boots for him. Ho! pretty good boots! Ho! high-top boots, Ho! gentleman's boots for me.

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