

give thanks;" and he was just now practising what he preached. Aye, and he also wrote the words, "Rejoice evermore."

Joy; Gratitude; Praise.—We need far more of these in heart and life, for if we would be a help to others, we must show them that we have found the pearl of great price, and, finding it, a great joy has come into our hearts, so that we cannot but lay hold of the great bell-ropes of thanksgiving and peal out a glorious, glad chime of praise. "At midnight they sang praises and the prisoners heard them."

I have been reading a book entitled "Fit for Work," by Alfred Schofield, M.D., an eminently sane and happy book, written by an earnest Christian physician of large experience, and containing much wise counsel to Christian workers on the subject of "Health."

I quote from his chapter on "The Spiritual Condition":—

"There can be no doubt whatever that starved Christians, doubting Christians, empty Christians, wretched Christians, do the devil's work, wherever they go; for it is quite clear to look at them, that their Father does not satisfy them; and one would suppose that they must have a hard Master, for so far from rejoicing and being glad all their days, they do nothing but groan and complain. Such are not only no power for good, but, all unwittingly, are positive powers for evil. They are spiritually unhealthy."

The sight of one really satisfied (not self-satisfied) Christian does more good, and wins more converts to Christianity, than fifty sermons. "A satisfied man rejoices, and is glad all his days. It is a pleasure to know him." "A soul redeemed," says Cowper, "demands a life of praise."

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"The religious view of the world is infinitely deepened and enriched when we not only recognise it as the work of God, but are able to trace the relation of part to part—to follow, if we may say it reverently, the steps by which God worked, to eliminate, so far as possible, from the action of Him, 'with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning,' all that is arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, and even where as yet we cannot explain, to go on in faith and hope."—*Aubrey Moore.*

Retirement of Bishop Clifford and Bishop Stuart.

Two missionary bishops have been called to lay down their much loved work abroad. Early in April, Bishop Clifford—first Bishop of Lucknow—resigned his see after an episcopate of seventeen years. Enrolled as a missionary of the C.M.S. in 1874, and rendering it valuable service as Secretary for its missions in the Calcutta diocese from 1885 to 1892—the year of his consecration—he has fulfilled a ministry of thirty-six years in India. He has now undertaken a parochial charge in the homeland.

Then, a little later Bishop Stuart reluctantly set his face homeward from Persia, whither at the age of eighty he returned for the last time (as he himself realised) three years ago as a missionary of the Society. With rare devotion, after many years in India and in his New Zealand episcopate, he gave himself for fifteen years to the trials and hardships of life as an ambassador for Christ in a Persian town. Now, ill-health and acute suffering have compelled him to withdraw from his 'loved employ.' May God, who has been the shield of both His warriors in the day of battle, now be their 'exceeding great Reward.'—*The C.M.S. "Gleaner."*

"The greatest thing a human soul can ever do in this world is to see something, and tell what it saw in a plain way. To see clearly is to poetry, prophecy, and religion—all in one.—*Ruskin.*

"The chief evidence for Christianity is the power of the Gospel in action. Men may argue as they like about Christianity, but so long as it remains the power of God unto salvation; so long as it changes wills, converts souls and comforts hearts, it carries with it its own evidence, which nothing can refute."—*Bishop of London.*

"A man must strive hard and long within himself, before he can learn fully to master himself; and to draw his whole heart into God. When a man stands upon himself, he easily slides into human comforts. But a true lover of Christ and diligent follower of virtues does not fall back on comforts; nor seek such sensible delights; but rather chooses to endure sharp exercises and hard labour for Christ."—*Thomas a Kempis.*

Diocesan Paper.

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"Morality is conformity to a law of right. Religion is essentially a relation towards a person."

The conception of the Church's responsibilities must deepen into something very much more than mere interest in foreign Missions. . . . It is not interest but passion; the passion that comes from deep living and night thinking that the Church needs.—*Bernard Lucas.*

"We have to make our Christianity—you and I—an active and transforming force in the world at large; not only exhibiting in our own persons and families a life which breathes something of the spirit of Christ, but also applying persistently the principles of the Gospel to the varied relationships of life—Christianizing our business dealings, dignifying labour, moralizing capital, purifying our amusements, ennobling our sport, and above all, lifting our politics out of the rut of selfish interests until we recognize in them nothing but morality on a larger scale. That, and nothing less, is the task for us Christian people."—*Lincoln.*