

WESTERN RECORDER.

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The English and Greek.

It has sometimes been thought one of the weaknesses of Baptists that they have no settled creed, to which, at least, its teachers and preachers should be required to pledge conformity. Such a pledge is required of every Presbyterian minister, who is asked before licensure and again before ordination: "Do you solemnly receive and accept the Confession of Faith of this church, as containing the system of the new Testament in the holy Scriptures?" But it is a notorious fact that many Presbyterians and ministers do not so receive it, and hold that the Westminster Confession ought to be radically revised. The Baptist method is incomparably the stronger. Regarding creeds as useful statements in brief of the teachings of Scripture, but recognizing no authoritative exposition of Christian truth except that made in the Scriptures, they require of candidates for the ministry a candid individual interpretation of the word of God. Such individual interpretation rests in substantial unanimity on all cardinal points of doctrine, and it may justly be questioned whether there is greater unity of belief on these points in any evangelical denomination than that there is among Baptists.

The method of holding men to a fixed creed is everywhere a failure. The method of leaving each man to make his own creed from Scripture, with an implied obligation of honor to sever his dissonant relations when his creed differs at any vital point from that of his brethren, has practically demonstrated its superiority. As a means of securing denominational orthodoxy, it is incomparably superior to any other. This is to be expected; for it is the method of Scripture, which throws upon every man the responsibility of investigating truth for himself, unfettered by any human restrictions.—*Examiner.*

THOMAS is no exception to the rule occasioned by him. The "name is legion." It spares neither age, nor sex, nor station. There is no place so sacred that it does not claim the right to intrude itself to do its diabolical work. The Springfield Journal announces that William Herndon, Abraham Lincoln's old law partner, is a paper! He was the owner of considerable property—was one of the ablest of the old lawyers of the State of Illinois—and was favored with a memory that was simply extraordinary. For several years before Mr. Lincoln's nomination to the Presidency he was in "some respects the most active of the firm—preparing the greatest number of cases for trial, and supporting them by elaborate argument; and even a great part of his leisure was spent in his preparations for his celebrated debate with Mr. Douglas in 1858." But with all his available qualities as a man of genius and legal attainments, he was caught in the coils of the dram-shop, and would sometimes leave importunately and go on a spree for several days. This had held him up after the death of Mr. Lincoln, and he went downward step by step, until he is now conspicuous only as a monument of the achievements of the fall destroyer, Rum. This history of unnumbered and yet increasing thousands, and still the manufacturers and traffickers in this death-dealing monster, whiskey, in view of the efforts making every day to put an end to their nefarious business, are crying out for their sacred rights.—*Herald and Preceptor.*

The supreme aim of the Christian should be the winning of souls to Christ. It is not enough simply to pray for sinners, or read them the Bible, or urge upon them the claims of religion. We should not be satisfied until they are saved. But no success will attend the effort of the lost-winner until he is possessed of the Christ-like temper. Our power over others will be proportional to the power of Christ working in us.—*Work-Tester.*

The British.

What mean these frequent strikes? Is there no political economy, and no financial philosophy, that can solve the problem of labor and capital in this country? Think of 100,000 laborers out of employment between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi! Out of employment, not because there is no work to do, but because they are on a strike for higher wages. They are the operatives in the iron and steel works of the Middle and Western States. Think of 30,000 strikers at one place recently, at Beaver, near Pittsburgh. Again, what is the meaning of all these strikes? Is there no remedy? Are we slumbering on a volcano? Who will lead us out of this wilderness of confusion on the labor problem? Who?—*Nashville Christian Advocate.*

the new covenant in his blood which was shed for many for the remission of sins." You have seen that call for resolution. He says, "I will give you my life for you." "He was tempted of the devil like as we are, yet without sin." He is made and perfect before He says, "I am the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth."

In many ways Christ thus appeals to you to do all that is best in your nature. Your conscience is with Him. The solemn promises of your heart are with Him. Your deepest needs urge you to Him. O heart, cannot you say, "I will do all that we may do with Him?"

And now I wish to bring before you, by analogy, a few thoughts that spring naturally from the foregoing application of the text. The question, what is it to go with Christ? is worth raising and worth answering, for the very consideration of it will only multiply reasons why we should go with Him.

First, it is simply a self-righteousness. That is a charge of dishonesty. It is a worst dishonesty, even if it is not taken up in the face of Jesus. Peter exclaimed, when Jesus displayed His power, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." If you have ever come consciously into Jesus' presence, you know how Peter felt, and what he meant. When you go with Christ you at least begin to see yourself and to learn the possibilities of your sinful nature. You know the discipline during the three years' acquaintance with Christ, how hard he will be of himself, how hard he will be to that one of your friends who would betray their loved Master, that he did not indignantly repel the accusation; but tremblingly questioned, while each searched his own heart, "Lord, is it I?" It took those disciples all those wonderful three years' experience to become acquainted with themselves, and to kill out their beautiful self-righteousness. You, my friends, must go with Christ awhile before you will fully understand how much of the spirit and garbure of pride you have to get rid of, and how easy it is for you to fall.

Second, to go with Christ is to leave sin. It is to turn away utterly from the conscious practice of evil. Not only outward sin, but inward unholiness and dispositions must be resisted. We make distinctions, and speak of sins which are outward and sins which are inward. There is no distinction to Christ. All are outward and all will be resisted. The vilest and the most common of sins which root penetrates the secret sources of impulse and volition. There must be a revolt against the whole spirit and tendency of sin. In the heart that would go with Jesus. If you go with Him at all, you must go with Him in moral purpose, and you can not go with Him unless you break with sin. You can not take pride along, and lust, and covetousness. You may have many doubts and many perplexities of the reason, and still go with Him in your heart's love and loyalty. But you can not cling to your sin and have His companionship, though your creed may be the very pink of orthodoxy.

Third, to go with Christ is to yield Him that obedience which can spring only from deep affection and trust. His commandments are law. His slightest wish is supreme. He will mark the channels along which flow the currents of the disciple's life and thought. There are no non-essentials, there are no trifles, there are no things that are indifferent among Christ's commandments. What He is gives man duty and weight to all His words. The heart that loyally goes with Him has no inclination for private questioning about the relative importance and impracticability of His commands.

heart, any sense of justice, any perception of holy law, any feeling of moral obligation, which is not in unbelief. You have seen that call for resolution. He says, "I will give you my life for you." "He was tempted of the devil like as we are, yet without sin." He is made and perfect before He says, "I am the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth."

THE PURE HEART IS WITH CHRIST.

2. Then again you can go with Christ because the noblest sympathies and impulses of your heart are with Him. You have looked at His righteousness and found it without flaw. He is holy in a sense in which no man who ever lived is holy. He is holy as only the eternal God is holy. The searching, judicial, critical eye of historical progress have been unable to see the link-eyes. Please to convert Him to sin. But that is not all. His character is full and perfect. Would you seek a perfect expression of tenderest love? It is here. Here are all the graces of pity, of generosity, of mercy, of patience, of charity, of utter unselfishness. Whatever is noble and beautiful in character is here. Whatever is beneficent in action is here. Christ alone gives us a perfect model of human virtue. To find Him lovingly, is not that proof that the eye which looks upon Him is evil? If Christ is not attractive to you, is it not because your heart is all wrong? Have you ever a pure and noble impulse? It is but a faint reflection of that which is Christ in abiding presence. Have you ever a transient flash of self-sacrificing feeling? It is but a chromatic line of that which is Christ in constant solar radiance. If you are capable of appreciating that which is fairest and holiest in character and action, you must say that Christ is alone the one altogether excellent, and your heart must bow to Him as its sovereign. Every highest perception of moral worth that awakens in your soul, and every purest, most loving impulse that stirs your pulses, is on the side of Christ. Involuntarily, the best that is in your nature goes with Him. If you in the entirety of your personality fail to yield yourself to Him, is not that failure the demonstration of your own guilt?

3. Then, in the third place, you can go with Christ because your needs urge you to Him. You need forgiveness of sin. He gives that. You are slow to confess your need, perhaps, but it is real and persistent, and is never so deeply felt as when you stand face to face with Christ. Then, too, you need sympathy—sympathy that is adequate because it has its spring in a common experience and is yet sinless. You need leadership—the guidance of one who knows the future as well as the past, and who knows that last trial—death.

In many ways it is evident that your needs would lead you to Christ if you considered them. He is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He said of the emblematic cup, "This is the new covenant in my blood which was shed for many for the remission of sins." You have seen that call for resolution. He says, "I will give you my life for you." "He was tempted of the devil like as we are, yet without sin." He is made and perfect before He says, "I am the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth."

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It is not my purpose now to consider in detail the character and life of Thomas. I have taken words which he uttered for my text, because they express a spiritual impulse and movement which is of the very essence of faith.

A LOYAL DOUBTER.

Thomas was a doubter. Let not that be dignified. He doubted where he ought to have believed. He was slow of heart to understand the Scriptures. But with all his defects he had this grand redeeming quality—he would go whether his heart's holiest impulses led him whether he could see any clear reasonableness in it or not. Just here Thomas is worthy of study, and worthy of imitation. He illustrates moral and affectional devotion to Christ. This is loyalty,—to go with Christ to death. This is the core of faith,—the moral impulse to follow Christ. The absence of this is the real abelief. Speculative difficulties alone do not keep men away from Christ; they may keep men for a long time from receiving true views of Christ's nature, they may hinder the acceptance of a formulated Christology; but no speculative difficulties ever kept a man from loving Christ.

Moral affinity disregards all the cobweb obstructions of speculation. Thomas was a doubter. He had difficulties; but his heart being sincere went straight to his Master. If it was hard to understand, it nevertheless was not hard to love. By and by his heart-loyalty led him up to the mind needed to see, and then he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" A true moral feeling led him to a true rational perception. That is the progress of faith in many a soul. And that is what Christ means when He says, "If any one desires (or is willing) to do His will he shall know of the teaching, whether it be from God."

And now I want to address myself particularly to such as have, or claim to have, difficulty of a rational character in accepting Christ. Perhaps you have not thought of this fact, namely, that your difficulty with reference to Christ is speculative or notional; it is not moral. If you will look that fact squarely in the face, it will be very strange if you do not learn something from it. Your objection to Christ does not lie against His character. If this is not true, if you object to Christ's character, then your mouth is stopped. For if you say that Christ is morally repulsive to you, you thereby confess your own defect and deformity. Perhaps, after all, as in so many cases, this is just the trouble, and the abelief which holds you in is not all, at least, primarily, of the head, but of the heart. You do not love Christ because you are unlike Him. He is so far above you. Your unbelief is moral antipathy to divine holiness, and there is no room for argument. There is only one remedy for your unbelief, and that is repentance and submission to God.

But there are souls that stumble on the threshold of God's kingdom because they do not see their relation to Christ in its true aspect. Let us these words of the doubting disciple a moment: "Let us also go, though we may die with Him." That is not the completest faith, yet it has in it that without which faith is not faith. It has in it faith's most precious element. You say you can not believe on Christ because of this, that or the other reason. No matter what those reasons are, they are not moral.

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OUR FAITH.

Going with Christ.

Thomas, therefore, who is called Didymus, was not the only one who doubted. Many others may die with Him.—(John 11:16.)

The circumstances which form the background of the text are familiar to you all. Thomas had been teaching in the temple. He had become more and more explicit in His testimony to His disciples, and in His claims on men. He had said, "I and the Father are one." He had announced that He was the life of His followers eternal life. He had definitely appropriated the title "Son of God." He had unfolded the fully thought deep spiritual doctrines which He taught, and which were so strange and incomprehensible and so wonderful to His hearers. And then He said, "I will give you my life for you." "He was tempted of the devil like as we are, yet without sin." He is made and perfect before He says, "I am the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth."

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THE CHURCHES will remember that the fourth Sunday of this month is the day for giving the people to God and to their neighbor...

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS... The Ministers and Members' meeting of the Gallop Association...

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IF I COULD KEEP HER SO.

Just a little boy, in my arms. Would that I could keep you with your baby dear...

Remarkable Insects.

Throughout the whole insect kingdom it is surprising to find such ardent passions in fragile little creatures...

Half-grown Boys and Girls.

Often misunderstood, by turns neglected and harshly judged, not knowing what to think of themselves...

Our Little Girls.

Green peas for dinner. And who'll help to clean it? "I will," cries Louise...

Did Not Go Where They Were.

"I've been in India for many a year, and I never saw a native Christian on the whole time."

The King And The Elephant.

We should like to have been with the king of the Sandwich Islands last summer in Burmah...

Not a few boys have illustrated the proverb.

"Give a dog a bad name and he will deserve it." The father of Dr. Adam Clarke...

The Life Beyond.

To me, the life beyond is tangible. It is not peopled with ghosts and specters, shadows and outlines of being...

A Curious Incident.

Aunt Charles Fox told us of an American friend who had a concern to go somewhere, he knew not where...

Winning One's Bookman.

The best course a man can take is to attend strictly to his own affairs. Suppose a man believes an error...

Memories of Old Friends—Caroline Fox.

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