



How Hearts are Softened.

How hearts are softened. A season by J. A. ...

And I will bow down the knees of David ...

Hardness of heart is a great and grievous evil. It exists not only in the outside world, but in many who frequent the courts of the Lord's house.

Many and great are the advantages connected with softness of spirit. Tenderness of heart is one of the marks of a gracious person.

You are in this matter agreed with me; at least, I know you are, for you are thoroughly the matter; for you are longing to be made tender and contrite.

I, first, note that the tenderest tenderness which marks his work for sin arises out of a desire to operate.

The power lies in the omnipotent Spirit of God, and it is an agent for good that he delights to exercise this power.

You can effect this. "You must be born again," and that new birth must be from above.

All this leads on towards the tenderness which begins mourning for sin. Again, I say, this is the point from which help must come for the sinner.

For God speaketh once, yet twice, yet many times in a day. The operations of the Holy Ghost are not always perceived by the human heart.

He does not know his new tenderness has been produced. He finds himself anxious to hear and understand the gospel, and he feels that the gospel affects him as it never did before.

But the secret operation of the Spirit is known by its effects, for it is necessarily productive. We read in the text of the "spirit of grace and of supplications."

Work this, whenever the Holy Spirit does really come, it always leads the soul to Christ. Never yet did a man receive the Spirit of God into salvation, who did not repent.

This mourning, according to our text, is refined and pure. They shall mourn for him, they shall be in bitterness for him. For Jesus they sorrow rather than for themselves.

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We were apparently between the two strands of a horse-shoe, and were gliding slowly down the ...

We were between two continents—Europe on the right, Asia on the left. Our ...

Plato's Remedy for Catarrh is agreeable to use. It is not a liquid or a snuff, 60c.

Correspondence. CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Oct. 21. Dear Brother: I am now far out on the Black Sea.

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LETTERS FROM MISSOURI

ROBERT CATHCORN, ENCOURAGEMENT, ETC.
How much in earnest are the Protestants in their war against the efforts of evangelizing Christians...

QUESTION. Protestants are our neighbors; ought we therefore to love them?
ANSWER. Yes; but we should love them from a plague from whom attempt to seduce us; for faith is a precious and delicate gift...

Q. My Catholic neighbor read Bible, New Testament, or other books, tracts, or papers of Protestant origin?

A. No; for every Catholic is obliged absolutely to receive such books, tracts or papers to his bishop or pastor, if he does not do so he commits a very grave sin.

Q. Is it lawful for Catholics to lend out their books to Protestants for their religious services?

A. No; for those who do so commit a great sin, and incur the censures thundered against the supporters of heresy.

Q. My Catholic neighbor attended Protestant meetings through curiosity or in order to receive what they promise them for such attendance?

A. No; and those who thus assist them, besides committing a more grievous sin, will be excommunicated.

Q. What should we think of Protestants who promise money to the poor in order to have them attend their meetings?

A. That this is a profitable, even to the most ignorant, that nothing good can be expected from a religion that is obliged to have recourse to money and gifts; that makes promises by appealing to the vanity of self-interest.

Not only have these people learned the lesson contained in this lesson, but have excelled the rest of the temple. Not only will they not refuse a house for religious services; but few will rent a dwelling-house to those who profess the Christian religion.

The great aim of Romanism is to effectually close up every avenue to the revealing powers of the Scriptures. Multitudes have successfully followed the teachings of Ignatius Loyola.

On the other hand, there are encouragements. We know that many, very many, are ready to listen and to learn; many they are ready to receive the rotten system of Rome and embrace Christianity.

There was established at the same time a department of music and drama. It has drawn a number of worthy young ladies, filling it to its utmost, who would not otherwise have been.

It is a great joy and a great encouragement to see the dawn of the Holy Spirit's work, for such we believe it; but our greatest encouragement is that precious promise, "My word shall not return to me void."

GRACE is thy mercy we want me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

THE BIBLE PARABLES

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The Sunday-School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS, 1897. FOURTH QUARTER. Sunday, Dec. 12. OTHER PARABLES.

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED. Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-21. There is a danger to be carefully guarded against in teaching Sunday-school scholars the parables of our Lord.

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WHAT A COUNTRY CHURCH CAN DO.

Two years ago Rev. J. H. Wright took charge of Olivet church, five miles west of Peotone. The church then numbered 120. They have been increasing and night every Sunday, keep up an evensong Sunday-school, prayer-meeting Wednesday night, young people's prayer-meeting Friday night and teachers' meeting Thursday night.

"One pearl of great price." This merchantman, unlike the rest in the field, was on the lookout for pearls. He was seeking goodly pearls, and he found the one of great price. He gave for it gladly what the owner asked, knowing that it was worth more than the rest of the pearls.

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HOW TO TEACH CHILDREN.

An eminent philosopher has said: "Teach the boys what they will practice when they become men." Doubtless many a parent has said: "Teach the children what they should practice in after life."

"Have you understood all these things?" His apostle answered: "Yes, Lord." As he had explained the most difficult among these parables, they understood the others.

"Some years ago the late Horace Mann delivered an address at the opening of an institution for boys, during which he was asked to give some words of advice to the parents of the boys who were to be received into the institution.

"Did you not color that a little when you said that all the expenses and labor were to be repaid if it proved only one boy?"

"Not if it was my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply. [N. Y. Christian Advocate.]

The Lord is a man and savior.



OUR VIRGINIA LETTER.

The Virginia people have not been... in the past few days... a general suspension of business... many churches failed to open...

Dr. W. R. L. Smith and Rev. J. R. Harrison are trying to find ten leading Virginia pastors who will send ten days each in evangelistic labors in the West...

Dr. Landrum, of the Second Baptist church of Richmond, reports a delightful state of things... he is not holding any extra services...

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity and softness...

A curious fact touching evangelists has recently been reported. A Virginia pastor wrote an article on evangelists in a Northern paper...

Richmond College moves forward with a slow but steady step on the line of progress. Almost every year in the past has witnessed some improvement...

Rev. C. G. Jones, of Lynchburg, has recently embarked on the blissful sea of matrimony. The event was significant to the church and the community...

The annual visitation of missionary work in Richmond has set in. They are to hold public meetings... and they generally succeed...

It is safe to predict that the meeting in Washington will not attempt to pull down the ecclesiastical hedge. It is expected to find himself the subject of some very venomous criticisms in the Religious Herald...

OUR LETTERS.

You are giving us indeed and in truth a good paper; and surely we, pastors and churches, ought to bestir ourselves to increase the circulation to at least 20,000...

GENERAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

The following is the programme of the General Christian Conference now in session in Washington, D. C. The session covers three days, yesterday, yesterday and to-morrow. It is a very important meeting...

THE SOCIETY MOST cordially invites all Sunday school workers visiting Atlanta to call on the Executive Committee... and will find it all good place to leave baggage...

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And carry them off. This has reference to the terrible slaughter in...

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THE WOMAN'S WORLD. Edited by Isaac Wise. This is an excellent magazine, containing the thoughts, feelings and opinions of the women of the world...

TAKK TOTT'S PILLS. The most effective medicine for all ailments, giving elasticity of mind and buoyancy of body. GOOD DIGESTION, regular bowels and solid flesh. Sold Everywhere.

The Family Circle.

For the Western Recorder: THE INVISIBLE ALLIES. BY OPAL. Night had drawn her white curtains, and in white soft folds shrouded their lullabies and their their nightingales...

THE MINISTER'S INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.

The Reverend Phipps Reed sat in his oak study, and in the little study, meekly came furnished, gave in the matter of books with a look of sorrowful bewilderment on the gentle, old face that was plain to see...

slow task of asking him to resign, that his place might be filled by a younger man. It was hard to find any one willing to undertake this commission. "I can't do it," said one. "He married me, supposing my little child would be born to me when we had to yield them up..."

and the wet-kissed clouds had wrapped themselves in their vaporous robes. At last the old minister, who had been at the closed door, and standing the gentle robes, opened it and peered in with a vague foreboding of evil. The lamp light upon the pavement had grown with silver, and the dimly opened door as if had fallen asleep, and the hands that had so often been extended in benediction crossed nicely, their life work done...

to land were the admiral and the Grand Duke. There were hastily erected from the side and spar of the ship masts from the wreck, and the rigid discipline of ship life was promptly resumed. The young prince was placed on a raised stand for his previous disobedience of orders. As soon as possible, the Russian minister at Copenhagen was informed of the facts, and telegraphed them to the emperor, from whom he received the following reply: "I approve the act of the admiral in placing the midshipman under arrest for disobeying orders, and I bless and bless my son for disobeying them..."

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Our Little Folks.

A GRANDMA THAT'S JUST REPLEN-DID.

Grandma's eyes are dim, and grandma's hair is sprinkled With threads of white; her cap's set prim Above a face that's wrinkled. But grandma's eyes are kind, and grandma's smile is merry; She looks no more—she doesn't mind; She calls us "pet" and "deary."

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