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Right Thinking.

St. Paul, in a well-known and memorable passage, lays down the rule that if there be such a thing as virtue, it is our duty to think of all that makes for virtue; and not merely to think, in our loose and general use of the term, but to *fix our thought* on such things as are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. The control of our thought is our great prerogative. We *are* what we think, and unless we think of noble things we shall not be noble, and unless we have the high thought we cannot live the high life.

Ask how the briar is changed into the rose, or the wolfish creature of the woods into the dog that is the friend of man, or the crab-apple into the rounded fruit in which the sweetness and sunlight of the summer is stored up? Take your flower which is dwarfed and impoverished from the cold north side of the garden to the south, and turn it toward the sun; when it looks toward the sun, the sun will pour itself into its heart, and every petal will respond with a new beauty.

We are what our intention is; our life is what our dominant thought is. Do those who live amid the flow of streams, and fragrance of woods and fields, really absorb into themselves something of the loveliness they look upon? Unquestionably they do. To dwell amid strife and clamour is to be attuned to them; to dwell amid calm and beauty is to be saturated with their fine essences. Think upon beauty then, live with it, love it, and fix your mind upon it, and

beauty will leaven your whole mind and nature into the image of itself. Think only of the mean, the sordid, and the ugly aspects of life, and your soul will become like what it contemplates. That is the inevitable law. It is the truth with Shakespeare teaches in his pathetic image of "the dyer's hand subdued to what it works in"; it is the truth St. Paul indicates when he says, whatsoever things are pure and lovely, think on these things.

We live in the throes of an intensely energetic age. We boast that we live fast, think fast, and travel fast, and that the telegraph and the press have indefinitely multiplied our sensations. If our faces are eager and anxious, we do but reflect our environment. Figs do not grow on thistles, nor grapes on thorns. To have the calm brow you must have the calm soul, and if you think on pure things you will be pure.

Many men think it a sufficient apology for stupidity if they say, "Ah, but I have no ear for music, no love for books, no taste for pictures!" But what such a confession really means is that such a man has not these tastes because he has never thought it worth his while to cultivate them. No ear for music! No, but he had it once. No desire for books! But he might have had. The man has simply never thought on these things; he has been too busy hustling his way in the crowd to gain a little higher social niche; he has had a stomach for gluttony, and an eye for horse-racing, and a taste for sporting papers, and these tastes have grown fast enough because he has fixed his

thought upon them. What he says is literally, tragically true enough: he has no ear for music; it is as though he had lost the sense, which indeed is very possible, since our senses grow by cultivation and perish by misuse or neglect. It is said that the trained violinist can distinguish a score of notes inaudible to the unpractised ear; and every one knows the familiar natural fact that the fish which leaves the warm clear waters of the sea for some dark cavern, loses the power of sight. Nature takes away the unused gift, but multiplies the used and nurtured power. Our destitution of gift is merely the confession of our heedlessness of it. And therefore the question which pierces to the very core of life and character is, what do you set your thoughts upon, and think about most? Take the trouble to sum up your thoughts at the end of a day, and ask to what goal have they travelled? If you never think of Christ, how can you be Christ-like? If you think of money fifty times for the once you think of God, what image is your soul likely to bear? Be honest enough to face that searching query; for as you think, so you are.

I want to make urgent on all who may read these words the duty of right thinking. Men are fond of saying, "It does not much matter what a man thinks or believes, if his life be right." True; but the life never can or will be right, unless the spirit of the thought is right. The reason why creeds are useless, is that men do not believe them: they only say that they believe them, or believe that they believe them. But when a man thinks his creed, when it does really sum up the spirit of his highest thought and conviction, it is worth everything, because it fashions and controls his life.

O youth! you with the quick imagination, you with the warm blood within your veins, who so

readily give the mind up to the throng of evil fancies that pollute it, who so eagerly follow the clue that sets the imagination rioting with desires that shame and trouble you on reflection, do not hold it a light matter that you only *think* these things. Do not suppose it any fit apology for corrupt thoughts that hitherto these thoughts have not been incarnated in deeds. You are tampering with the mainspring of morality. It would be as wise and reasonable to say that it does not matter which way the rudder swings as long as the ship moves, as to say that it does not matter what a man thinks. If you would be pure, master your thoughts and fix them on purity. If you would live a high life, you must begin by encouraging the growth of high thoughts. If you would voyage Godward, you must see to it that the rudder of thought is right. God will not save you by magic; there is no magic to save the rudderless ship. God is a reasonable God, who saves us by reasonable means. God sets us conditions, but leaves us to fulfil them; and if the ideal life that God commands us is not ours, it is because the conditions He has given us are unfulfilled. All change in life begins with change of thought, of aim, of intention; and hence the duty of right thinking as the primary condition of all right living. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, fix the mind on these things.—*W. J. Dawson.*

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Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

On August 1st Mr. and Mrs. Fray and the members of S. John's Choir gave the amusing farce "Aladdin, and the Wonderful Gamp" in S. John's School-room. The room was crowded. The piece was very cleverly and artistically staged, and from beginning to end was a great success. The proceeds were in aid of the Church Extension Fund. It was reproduced the next evening, and succeeded equally well. We refrain from specially mentioning those who took the various characters, as so many acted splendidly. The dresses were rich in appearance and appropriate. The music was excellent. The solos were fine and loudly applauded.

On the 9th our Young Men's Club journeyed all the way to Hagley for a tournament with a like institution in that picturesque village. The hospitality extended to our club was generous and hearty, for which we were thankful, but our men made a poor show and were badly beaten on most scores. The drawback to such a journey is that only a tiny proportion of our best players can get away, and the less able stand no chance against the trained forces with whom we have to compete.

The Sunday-school entertainment on the 16th was again a huge triumph. The pains taken by Mr. Harold Brownrigg, who manipulates the bioscope, exceed all praise. The ubiquitous secretary, too, never spares himself, and as stated above, the outcome is invariably an unqualified success.

The Religious Examination of the Sunday-schools came off on Sunday, August 27. A large number of

scholars sat for it. The result will be published in due course. Our thanks are due to the principals of the Grammar School for the use of one of their large rooms in which some of the boys did their papers. This arrangement prevented overcrowding and copying.

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The Rev. James Hebblethwaite recently delivered two lectures in connection with the Y.P.C.U. One of these took place on the 15th, and the second a week later. The earlier one was on the subject of "Poetry" a study in which the lecturer excels. Those present were immensely pleased with it. The latter lecture was given in the large room, which was thrown open to the public, about two hundred of whom were present. It was a delightful chat, illustrated beautifully by lantern slides. The earlier part was all about the English Thames. Its various scenes of interest were aptly described. Passing on from this Mr Hebblethwaite devoted the second portion of his lecture to Westminster Abbey. These illustrations were very fine, but owing to the lateness of the evening the descriptive portions were somewhat hurried. On the whole it was an interesting and instructive couple of hours.

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"Troubles never come alone, but in battalions." Shakespeare, who is the author of this trite saying, was doubtless passing through a period such as we at S. John's are just now experiencing when he wrote it.

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Not only are Mr and Mrs Hebblethwaite leaving us, but Mr and Mrs Fray are also taking flight.

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Mr Hebblethwaite never intended staying long in the city, as he had previously been selected to succeed the Rev. A. Schapira, who is returning to England, and will have left here at the end of the past month,

when the new Rector goes into residence. During their short stay amongst us Mr and Mrs Hebblethwaite have made large numbers of friends, and all of us are sorry they must go so soon. As in the case of our old friend, Mr Fernau, their new home will be sufficiently near for us to see something of them now and then at S. John's.

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Mr and Mrs Fray have been in this parish over six years, and their leaving us will be a wrench not easily forgotten, as indeed their places will not readily be filled. The appointment of Mr Fray as organist to S. John's Cathedral, Napier, N.Z., at an income twice as good as he received here; and, moreover, with a larger and more important sphere of work, from a private standpoint, makes us less sorry that he is going than otherwise would have been the case. It is an unwise thing to refuse preferment that has come to one by way of merit, and although we shall be some time before being able to reconcile ourselves to the loss of two such loyal and ever-ready churchworkers, yet it would be the essence of selfishness to withhold our congratulations on the occasion. This was, at any rate, the feeling of a very large number of parishioners who assembled at a parocial musical evening on Wednesday, August 30, to bid Mr and Mrs Fray farewell. Presentations of separate purses of sovereigns were made to each, amounting, we understand, in the aggregate, to just upon £50. The Rector introduced those deputed to make the presentations—Mrs Beresford on behalf of the ladies of the parish—and Mr T. Rule representing the male interest. Mr Fray replied for himself and Mrs Fray. The little function was a success, and evidenced the deep regard in which our departing guests were held by those who own allegiance to S. John's.

The Parish Schools Examination took place on August 27. The subjects this year taken by S. John's were the Catechism and the Acts of the Apostles. At S. Aidan's the Catechism only was taken. In a fortnight's time a special examination will be held at the Mission House for the scholars there, this being more on the *viva voce* principle. There was an increase in the number of candidates, and some very good papers were done, especially in the Catechism. This is the first year we have taken both subjects set by ourselves, but judging by the way the Diocesan subjects are set out for the coming year, it is not likely to be the last.

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S. John's Young Men's Club receive a visit from Trinity Club on Friday, August 15. Great interest is being taken in the meeting of the two clubs, as we want to turn the tables on our friendly rivals. Ladies will be allowed to see the contest, and will be welcome.

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Two bioscope entertainments were held last month, an additional one of a special character taking place on August 30. At this S. John's choir assisted, and the programme was certainly worth double the amount charged, viz., sixpence. Though we had a good attendance, there was room for more, and the school-room should have been packed. Perhaps our "penny monthlies" affected the muster, and "bioscope for a penny" is a far cheaper entertainment. At any rate S. John's school authorities can flatter themselves that they always give good value for money in the way of entertainments, and this one was no exception. Their efforts certainly demand better support.

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We would remind all and sundry of the Mission House Fair on Wednesday and Thursday next. Every-

thing is in a forward state, and we hope to have as big a success as in past years. It will be opened on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday evening only. Each evening a floral parade will take place. Admission will be three-pence in the afternoon and sixpence at night.

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The next monthly bioscope entertainment will be held on Wednesday, August 13, in the school-room, at 7.15. Adults must be provided with tickets, there being only limited accommodation for them; price, three-pence.

BAPTISMS.

- August 2—Louisa Dickenson
Charlotte Harper
Evelyn May Grant
Alfred Roy Cobern
" 9—Starling John Dalby
Dorothy Emily Hazel Shaw
Frances Beryl Jessie Wright
Phyllis May Findlay
" 16—Athol Roydon Hopkinson
McFarlane
Sydney Jack Boatwright
" 23—Floyd Lorimer McElwee
George Edward Hays
Francis Arnold Owen
Lloyd Morrison
Aimee Martha Elizabeth Whybrow
" 25—Ronsley Miles Ponsosby.

BURIALS.

- August 1—John Goodyer
" 5—Nora Isabel Titmus
" 26—Eliza Sagers.

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

August 9th—The Children's Demonstration in aid of the Home Mission Union was held in the Albert Hall. Our own young people, who gave the Japanese Fan Drill, quite held their own with the others, and made a very pretty display. No doubt next year will witness something else as good or better. Another item from Trinity children, which was a great success, was the dialogue by Miss Kitty and Peggy Fry entitled "The Backward Child."

August 10th.—The lecture on Music was given by the Lord Bishop in aid of our Choir Funds. It was nothing but a treat, and those who were not able to be present really missed something.

August 13th.—On this Sunday the Quarterly Collections were made for the Building Fund and realised £31 12s, a very gratifying response. The evening preacher was the Lord Bishop. The Penny Fund returned for the quarter £5 11s 3d, rather low.

August 19—In the afternoon our choir joined with those of S. John's and S. Paul's in the Consecration Service at the new cemetery, which will be known as the Carr Villa Cemetery.

In the evening the members of the Girls' Club paid a visit to the Young Men's Club, and a social evening was very happily spent. Among those present were several of the young fellows from the ship Myrtle Holme, then in port.

A social, organised by the Guild as a welcome to Mrs Atkinson, took place, and was a great success. The

Rector, on behalf of the congregation, spoke words of welcome, and Mr Atkinson responded for the guest of the evening. A short musical programme, games, talk and supper soon brought the evening to a close before one quite knew it was getting late.

August 23—Members of the T. Y. M. Club, to the number of 35, paid a visit to the club at Hagley to once more try conclusions, and, though Hagley pressed them hard and made a good fight for it, again came off victorious. The ladies of Hagley had prepared a sumptuous table for tea to which ample justice was done by the large body of visitors. For nearly three hours the contest waged hot and strong, but with the best of spirit, for the two clubs have a warm appreciation for one another. At the finish three cheers were given by either club, and after a hearty supper a start for home was made, and the journey completed without mishap.

August 25—An entertainment in connection with the Young Men's Club was held in the school-room, and passed off very successfully. The two dialogues were very good, especially the second given by Mr. C. Rosevear and Miss M. Wood. It quite brought down the house. Speaking of these entertainments it is the intention of the club to accumulate a fund with the object of adding some rooms to the school, which may be used for club purposes, and also form class-rooms for Sunday-school. The idea, we are sure, will call forth willing help from many friends. The fund has been started by a donation from one of the members of the club, and so the ball has been set rolling. On Sept. 11th Archdeacon Whittington will lecture for the club, and the proceeds of the evening will be paid into this fund.

TRINITY MISSION HALL,
INVERESK.

Good progress is being made with the room which is being made as an addition to the hall. The labour is being given by a little band of willing workers, and thus a good sum is saved in the expenditure. Indeed but for this help we should have been forced to wait awhile longer till funds had accumulated. A few days' more work will complete the room.

August 11—The monthly meeting of the C.E. Temperance Society was held, the Rector presiding. An excellent address was given by the Rev. H. B. Atkinson, and the evening's programme of songs and recitations was made up by members, with the help of a visitor, Mr F. O'Leary, who gave a very clever exhibition of ventriloquism and juggling.

It is quite possible that a small Fair, or Sale of Work, etc., will take place in aid of our work in the Mission Hall during the summer.

NEWNHAM AND MOWBRAY.

August 14—At a meeting held in this evening it was decided to call for tenders for the erection of a Church Building on the corner block recently purchased for the purpose. The tenders, to be in by the 1st October, to be opened on the return of the Rector from Sydney. It was also decided that a canvass for help be made. Towards helping in the direction the Trinity Young Men's Club is giving an entertainment in the Mowbray Hall on September 8th.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

A commencement was made during August with the classes of preparation for Confirmation candidates,

and a goodly number of boys and girls are attending, not so many, however, as we should like to see. It is the privilege of each member of any society to work for the good of that society, and extend its membership roll as much as possible. We cannot help thinking that many Communicants forget that this privilege is theirs, and that they may work for the extension of the Anglican Church, the society to which they belong, and in no better way than in interesting themselves in candidates for the yearly confirmation classes held throughout the parish. What about the concluding injunctions given to sponsors at the Baptism Service? It is a serious omission of duty if this admonition goes unregarded.

Although August was a very wet and wintry month, no falling off was noticeable in attendance at any of the services. The Sunday-school is growing, and we must think seriously about some more teachers, and also of an extension of our building. We did hear something, about a fortnight ago, in connection with this very extension, and we believe we heard it from the best authority, so we look forward to our extra rooms with great pleasure.

The August Guild Service was a particularly bright and hearty one. The responding and singing being in the truest sense of the word "congregational."

We are all glad to learn that our old friend, Mr Fair, is getting so much better, and we hope to see him again soon. No doubt as the new life of spring once more makes itself apparent in the hedges and trees, in the flowers and the fields: the warmer sun and milder weather will allow our more elderly parishioners to enjoy their wonted good health, and their participation in the Church Services.

Our Rector is spending a holiday in Sydney during this month. This part of the parish takes second place to no other in wishing him and Mrs Barry God's protection during their absence, and healthful results from a pleasant holiday spent in the queen city of the southern hemisphere.

S. PAUL'S PARISH.

The Lord Bishop and Mrs Mercer arrived in Launceston on August the 9th, and were the guests of Mr and Mrs Hardwicke Weedon, "Eurella," High Street, who did all in their power to make their visit north a most enjoyable one. Everyone regretted the severe cold which Mrs Mercer had unfortunately caught, and which deprived her of the use of her voice for several days, so Canon Beresford kindly read the address she had prepared to deliver at the Albert Hall, and we all trust she has quite recovered again by this time.

Mrs Mercer has the claims of the Home Mission Union very much at heart, and as some of our readers may not be aware of what a great help and assistance the funds subscribed are, we are glad to be able to tell them it is all distributed amongst various country districts which are now being opened up as new centres of work; also to enable the poorer country parishes to be on a safe and firm basis, also to help the half-castes in the Straits Islands, etc. To further this good work, and to stimulate others to fresh zeal and interest in it, at the suggestion of the Lord Bishop and Mrs Mercer, a large entertainment, organised by the three Anglican Parishes—S. John's, Holy Trinity, and S. Paul's—was held in the Albert Hall on Wednesday evening, August 9th. Un-

fortunately rain set in from 6 p.m., but that did not prevent a very large gathering, all anxious to see and hear what was taking place. The entertainment was so fully reported by our splendid papers, the *Launceston Examiner* and *Daily Telegraph*, that we need only briefly refer to it. The Lord Bishop's earnest appeal was most attentively listened to, and first we wish to congratulate all the three parishes upon the grand display they made. For ourselves, at S. Paul's, we feel proud of our first appearance as a *bona fide* Sunday-school band of workers, all helping to help others, and many kindly expressions of approval have been heard on all sides. First, as to the quiet and orderly behaviour, and in the opening hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," this was especially noticeable. Secondly, the singing was really well done, both as to time and tune, and the quaint little "Queen Ann Maidens" made a pretty picture in their white dresses and fans, and beautifully dressed hair, which will not soon be forgotten. Fred. Allwright delighted everyone with his recitation of "The Twins," and we shall hope to hear him again soon.

The Secretary of the Home Mission Union in Launceston, Miss Murray, has forwarded a cheque to Mrs. Mercer, which reached the large sum of £27 16s 6d, after all expenses are paid, which must be very gratifying to the promoters. To Miss E. Ferrall, our able accompanist, we return our sincere thanks, also to Mrs Barry, as convener of meetings, and the same to our other willing helpers too numerous to mention.

One of the most enjoyable afternoons we have spent was when we got so many of the mothers together in the school-room to make the "Queen Ann" dresses. We wish

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we could have the pleasure of seeing them there very much more often than at present.

Our children went to S. John's on Sunday afternoon, August 13th, where the Bishop preached to a united congregation of the three Anglican parishes. Many of our children, especially the boys, were not present. We hope they will be there next time to listen to the beautiful and instructive lessons given by the Bishop.

The next children's entertainment will take place in the school-room on or about September 13th. The girls and boys are hard at work preparing themselves for it, and we hope to see the School-room filled on that occasion.

This week we hope to form a

branch of the "Girls' Friendly Society" in our parish, and earnestly trust it will prove a blessing and help to the members. We shall give a full account of it next week.

The Rector has invited all those willing and desirous of attending the Confirmation Classes to meet him in the Church next Sunday afternoon, at 4 p.m.

How often is it that the darkest day is the beginning of the brightest life. Reverses, difficulties, trials, are often amongst God's best blessings. From the loss of property is brought out very often the latent energies of character, a power to suffer and to act which in the querulous being without a wish ungratified you would have scarcely said had existed at all.

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Be sure that you give the poor the aid they most need, though it be your example which leaves them far behind. If you give money, spend yourself with it, and do not merely abandon it to them. We make curious mistakes sometimes. Often the poor man is not so cold and hungry as he is dirty and ragged and gross. It is partly his taste, and not merely his misfortune. If you give him money, he will perhaps buy more rags with it. I was wont to pity the clumsy Irish labourers who cut ice on the pond, in such mean and ragged clothes, while I shivered in my more tidy and somewhat more fashionable garments, till, one bitter cold day, one who had slipped into the water came to my house to warm him, and I saw him strip off three pairs of pants and three pairs of stockings ere he got down to the skin, though they were dirty and ragged enough, it is true, and that he could afford to refuse the *extra* garments which I offered him, he had so many *intra* ones. This ducking was the very thing he needed. Then I began to pity myself, and I saw that it would be a greater charity to bestow on me a flannel shirt than a whole slop-shop on him. There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root, and it may be that he who bestows the largest amount of time and money on the needy is doing the most by his mode of life to produce that misery which he strives in vain to relieve. It is the pious slave-breeder devoting the proceeds of every tenth slave to buy a Sunday's liberty for the rest. Some show their kindness to the poor by employing them in their kitchens. Would they not be kinder if they employed themselves there? You boast of spending a tenth part of your income in charity: maybe you should spend the nine-tenths so, and done with it.—*Thoreau*.

Mission Sermon.

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."—MATTHEW xxviii. 18.

Jesus Christ claims the whole Imperial power in heaven and in earth, when he says "all authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

First of all, then, we will consider Jesus Christ as the sole authority in heaven and in earth. Where does the authority in the Church lie? The authority in the Church is Jesus Christ Himself. People have come to imagine that He delegated His authority to a set of men to be a substitute for Him. The true ancient doctrine of the Church Catholic is that no man has any authority but Jesus Christ, and that we are the representatives of a Present Christ and not the substitutes for an absent One. For instance, we bind two souls together in Holy Matrimony. By whose authority are they bound? By the authority of the Church? Not at all, but by the authority of Jesus Christ. When I stand as His representative and say with my hand upon their joined hands, "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," and when afterwards I say, "I pronounce that they be man and wife together," I speak in the name of an unseen Person behind me of Whom I am the representative. And I make those assertions by the authority of Jesus Christ Himself. Let us make no mistake on that point. We have not time to discuss in detail all the vexed controversies that gather around the marriage question, but be certain of this—that those who are fighting for the sanctity of marriage are fighting for the authority of Jesus Christ against the opinion of the world.

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Office for the Visitation of the Sick he is told to say, "I absolve thee from all thy sins," it is done by the authority of Jesus Christ. In that wonderful story of the healing of the palsied man, He says, "The Son of Man hath authority on earth to forgive sin." So, again, when we are actually celebrating the Holy Communion, we see with the eye of faith Someone else pleading the one Sacrifice in Heaven.

Who is it that lays down the laws of happiness? Let us take them in their order. Happy are the poor in spirit, happy are they that mourn, happy are the meek, happy are those that hunger and thirst after righteousness, happy are the merciful, happy are the pure in heart, happy are the peacemakers, happy are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Who lays down these laws? Jesus Christ. And as

we listen to them, for God's sake as we value the peace of our homes and the happiness of our life, remember that He has authority to lay them down for us, and that authority has been given to Him in heaven and in earth.

Are these laws of happiness which He laid down being observed in your life? You have been baptised; have you received that complement of Baptism—Confirmation? Are you steadfast and devout communicants? Are you happy in your own real personal life? If not, which law are you breaking? Are you not poor in spirit? Are you not mourning? Are you not humble-minded and therefore do not inherit the earth? Is the very reason why you are disliked by your friends because of a proud, self-seeking spirit? When you come to church do you see God before you? If not, is it because you

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are not pure in heart? "Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Are you persecuted for righteousness' sake, or is your greatest wish, as so many have told me was theirs, the thirst for popularity? He says to all rebellious souls, unhappy because of their rebellion, "Bow your meek heads before Me, Who hath authority in heaven and in earth, and in bowing your meek heads you shall find rest unto your souls." But Christ not only has the authority, He has this power. Power to do what? Power first to save the worst. I feel certain that the reason so many stories were preserved in the New Testament—the reason why we are told about Mary Magdalene, who now walks in white in heaven—was owing to the awful risk that some might despair. And He has not only power to save but power to keep safe. Are you praying, dear mothers, for that boy, that he may be kept safe amidst the temptations of the public school? Then turn in faith to the omnipotent power of Jesus Christ, Who can keep him pure. Think of the many souls whom He has kept strong in the fire of temptation.

Again, he has power in answer to intercession to help our dear ones. No story is more encouraging to those who are anxious about their relatives and friends than that story of the four friends who let down their sick friend through the roof to the feet of Jesus. "Jesus seeing their faith said to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins are forgiven thee." You who are despairing of an answer, remember the example of those who, to use the expressive word in the New Testament, were "digging" through the roof, and remember that there is One Who has power to save in heaven and earth.

Then there is the power to comfort. How paralysed we often are in the presence of mourners.

And lastly, He has all power to

understand. He understands all about you. If you are misunderstood at times by your friends Jesus Christ understands all about you, all your difficulties, all the details of your life, and if you will only trust him He will explain them and guide you.

—Bishop Creighton.

FORGIVENESS.

SHE sat and wept beside His feet; the weight
Of sin oppressed her heart; for all the blame
And the poor malice of the worldly shame,
To her was past, extinct and out of date;—
Only the Sin remained!—the leprous state;
She would be melted by the heat of love,
By fires far fiercer than are blown to prove
And purge the silver ore adulterate.
She sat and wept, and with her untressed hair
Still wiped the feet she was so blest to touch;
And HE wiped off the soiling of despair
From her sweet soul—because *she loved so much*.
I am a sinner, full of doubts and fears,
Make me a humble thing of Love and Tears!

COLERIDGE.

O MAN, forgive thy mortal foe,
Nor ever strike him blow for blow;
For all the souls on earth that live
To be forgiven must forgive.—
Forgive him seventy times and seven!
For all the blessed souls in Heaven
Are both Forgivers and Forgiven.

TENNYSON.

How very hard it is to be
A Christian! Hard for you and me!
—Not the mere task of making real
That duty up to its Ideal,—
Effecting thus, complete and whole,
A purpose of the human soul—
For that is always hard to do;—
But hard, I mean, for me and you
To realize, more or less,
With even the moderate success
Which commonly repays our strife
To carry out the aims of life.
"This aim is greater," you will say,
"And so more arduous every way."
—But the importance of their fruits
Still proves to man, in all pursuits,
Proportional encouragement.

BROWNING.