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OPENING ADDRESS.

DEAR FELLOW-CHRISTIANS,—Our gracious God has brought us onward through another year, and a song of praise should surely ascend from our hearts to Him as we review all His mercies, and our souls should be constrained by His love to be more devoted to Him and set apart to His service.

Let us take for our motto as we start afresh the two words, "*One thing.*" Singleness of heart and stedfastness of purpose were the great characteristics of Paul's life, and the secret of the great honour which the Lord put upon him; for an *undivided* heart is what the Lord Jesus delights in, and expects from us. It is wonderful how much can be accomplished when the mind has but one object. It is even so in this world's pursuits; but how much more in the things of God! and of this we have abundant evidence on all sides. If Christ has His proper place in the affections of His people, all else will be right; and there will be manifest progress in the divine life, a reaching forth to enjoy more full communion with Him here, as well as a pressing forward to the prize in the glory.

If we would please our God, and honour Him by faithful service, it can only be by having a single heart. It was said of those who came to Hebron to make David king, that they were not of a double heart. So if we would hasten the kingdom of the true David, by seeking to win others to His allegiance, it can only be by setting

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Him before us as the one object of our lives, and being, like Paul, of a fixed purpose. It is only as we are stedfast and single-hearted, that we can really glorify Him who has called us by His grace.

Don't let the world, which is under judgment, and from which Christ has delivered you, rob Him of His rightful place; but yield your heart fully and unreservedly to Him as His purchased possession. Let Christ be the great, the one attraction, and follow Him faithfully during the little while He has left you here. You cannot make the best of both worlds; you cannot serve God and mammon. Then count the cost, and, like a true soldier, come to the front, and earnestly do battle for the King of kings in a world that still rejects His rule, and counts Him of no esteem. Soon He will return, and then they who have shared in His rejection will, like David's mighty men, be identified with Him in His glory. Let us therefore cast in our lot now with a rejected Christ, and reckon it to be joy indeed to be reproached for His sake.

Dear unsaved reader,—*One thing* is needful for you, and that is, to have your sins washed away in the blood of Jesus. There is nothing else can fit you for God's presence, nothing else obliterate the deep stain of guilt that is upon you. No human effort can give you a title to heaven, nor good works provide a robe wherewith to appear before God. But what nature cannot supply, the love of God has provided in the gift of His Son. Then be entreated, ere time runs its course and eternity is upon you, to flee to Him for refuge.

J. E. H.

JANUARY, 31 Days.

7th. New Moon 5h 8m P.M.
14th. First Quar. 9h 22m P.M.

21st. Full Moon 5h 41m P.M.
29th. Last Quar. 0h 34m P.M.

MERCY AND TRUTH.

- 1 F Mercy and truth are met together. Ps. lxxxv. 10.
- 2 S Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 3 **S God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**
- 4 M Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John i. 17.
- 5 TU It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed.
- 6 W Christ once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.
- 7 TH He hath not dealt with us after our sins. Ps. ciii. 10.
- 8 F Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us.
- 9 S Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back. [saved.
- 10 **S Whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be**
- 11 M Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.
- 12 TU He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us.
- 13 W In due time Christ died for the ungodly. Rom. v. 6.
- 14 TH Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- 15 F Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- 16 S By grace ye are saved through faith. Ephes. ii. 8.
- 17 **S All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth.**
- 18 M I am the way, the truth, and the life. John xiv. 6.
- 19 TU He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity.
- 20 W All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- 21 TH By mercy and truth iniquity is purged. Prov. xvi. 6.
- 22 F There is none righteous, no, not one. [saved.
- 23 S Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be
- 24 **S Mercy shall be built up for ever.** Ps. lxxxix. 2.
- 25 M We are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.
- 26 TU I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions.
- 27 W He was wounded for our transgressions. Isa. liii. 5.
- 28 TH Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
- 29 F God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation.
- 30 S The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.
- 31 **S I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.** Matt. ix. 13.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

SALVATION in Jesus only, and by His precious blood, is the one theme of Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation it runs like a scarlet thread through the whole, and every page tells out the grand, sublime, and soul-saving truth, that "without shedding of blood is no remission."

The cross of Christ should be the centre to which all hearts are drawn, the focus of desire, the pivot of hope, and the anchorage of faith. It is the blood which *justifies* (Rom. v. 9), which *sanctifies* (Heb. ix. 13), and *glorifies*. (Rev. i. 5, 6.) It is the blood which calls forth the hallelujahs of heaven.

There is no sin man has ever been guilty of, however enormous in magnitude, or however painful in remembrance, but the blood of Christ can cleanse away.

The salvation of sinners has always been connected with blood-shedding and death. The reason is obvious, "for sin's wages is death." The law of holiness and truth is, that the soul that sinneth shall die. Death, then, is God's just appointment to man in consequence of sin. The only way, therefore, of putting away sin was by death; and that no sinful man could die for another is evident, because he must die for himself. The Son of God, on whom death had no claim, was able to die for others; and He in matchless grace died for us, the just for the unjust, and thus a perfect and eternal salvation has been completed for man.

FEBRUARY, 28 Days.

6th. New Moon 7h 55m A.M.
13th. First Quar. 5h 20m A.M.

20th. Full Moon 8h 1m A.M.
28th. Last Quar. 9h 51m A.M.

THE FULNESS OF GOD'S GRACE.

- 1 M By one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are
2 TU Ye are complete in Him. Col. ii. 10. [sanctified.
3 W Whom He called, them He also justified. Rom. viii. 30.
4 TH Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.
5 F I give unto them eternal life. John x. 28.
6 S We know that we have passed from death unto life.
7 **S In God is my salvation and my glory.** Ps. lxii. 7.
8 M The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Jas. v. 11.
9 TU The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.
10 W He is able also to save them to the uttermost. [nigh.
11 TH Peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were
12 F God having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you.
13 S God, who is rich in mercy. Ephes. ii. 4. [grace.
14 **S Forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His**
15 M He will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 7.
16 TU The grace of God that bringeth salvation. Titus ii. 11.
17 W Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands. [Lord.
18 TH The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our
19 F Being justified freely by His grace. Rom. iii. 24.
20 S Therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious.
21 **S God so loved the world, that He gave His ... Son.**
22 M Grace unto you, and peace from God our Father.
23 TU The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
24 W The Lord will give grace and glory. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.
25 TH He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry.
26 F Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender
27 S God is able to make all grace abound toward you. [mercies.
28 **S For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all**
things: to whom be glory for ever. Rom. xi. 36.

SATISFIED WITH JESUS.



IN the Lamb my soul is resting ;
What His love no words can say ;
All my sins, so great, so many,
In His blood are washed away.

Sweetest rest and peace have filled me,
Sweeter peace than tongue can tell ;
God is satisfied with Jesus,
I am satisfied as well.

Now my heart no more condemns me ;
For His own most precious blood
Once for all has washed and cleansed me,
Cleansed me in the eyes of God.

Filled with this sweet peace for ever,
On I go through strife and care,
Till I find that peace *around* me
In the Lamb's high glory there.

The more we venture on our glorious Christ, the more He encourages us ; the more we expect, the more He gives. We cannot tire or wear Him out, for He is full, yea, *fulness* of grace, mercy, love, and compassion.

The cross which links me with Christ separates me from the world.

MARCH, 31 Days.

7th. New Moon 8h 20m P.M.

21st. Full Moon 11h 52m P.M.

14th. First Quar. 1h 5m P.M.

30th. Last Quar. 4h 25m A.M.

NEW COVENANT BLESSINGS.

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| 1 | M | Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more. |
| 2 | TU | Beloved, now are we the sons of God. 1 John iii. 2. |
| 3 | W | Boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. |
| 4 | TH | Thou art no more a servant, but a son. Gal. iv. 7. |
| 5 | F | And hast made us unto our God kings and priests. |
| 6 | S | In the Lord have I righteousness and strength. Isa. xlv. 24. |
| 7 | S | I will put my laws into their mind. Heb. viii. 10. |
| 8 | M | I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. |
| 9 | TU | Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. Rom. viii. 17. |
| 10 | W | There shall be no more death, neither sorrow. Rev. xxi. 4. |
| 11 | TH | Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children. |
| 12 | F | Called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ. |
| 13 | S | I will establish my covenant with thee. Ezek. xvi. 60. |
| 14 | S | He is the mediator of a better covenant. Heb. viii. 6. |
| 15 | M | In everything ye are enriched by Him. [righteous. |
| 16 | TU | We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the |
| 17 | W | He ever liveth to make intercession for them. |
| 18 | TH | Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son. |
| 19 | F | I will be merciful to their unrighteousness. Heb. viii. 12. |
| 20 | S | It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. |
| 21 | S | I will put My Spirit within you. Ezek. xxxvi. 27. |
| 22 | M | In whom we have boldness with access and confidence. |
| 23 | TU | I ascend unto My Father and your Father. John xx. 17. |
| 24 | W | He is not ashamed to call them brethren. Heb. ii. 11. |
| 25 | TH | If a son, then an heir of God through Christ. [His Cross. |
| 26 | F | <i>Good Friday.</i> Having made peace through the blood of |
| 27 | S | I will make an everlasting covenant with them. |
| 28 | S | <i>Easter Sun.</i> He will ever be mindful of His covenant. |
| 29 | M | Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. |
| 30 | TU | He hath made with me an everlasting covenant. |
| 31 | W | Blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. |

GLEANINGS.

THERE are three things which faith does; viz., it purifies the heart (Acts xv. 9); it works by love (Gal. v. 6); it overcomes the world. (1 John v. 4.) It acts as the fountain-head of all my feelings and affections; it exerts its hallowed influence upon all my relationships and associations; and finally it renders me victorious over the circumstances and influences which surround me.

The path on which we enter by *faith* is to be preserved in *patience*; and *hope* is to be our companion to the end, when *joy* greets us. For though there may be, and should be richly, joy in the Spirit by the way, yet full, unmingled joy is reserved for the end when we shall be crowned in the *glory*.

GOD IS LOVE.—There is a love, therefore, that is *infinite* in its measure, *everlasting* in its duration, *omnipotent* in its power, *unchangeable* in its character, *all-pervading* in its presence, which *passeth knowledge*. CHRIST alone is its full and glorious manifestation, its incarnation and embodiment, and *Christ crucified* is the opening of its very heart to mankind and to the universe.

APRIL, 30 Days.

6th. New Moon 6h 36m A.M.
12th. First Quar. 9h 33m P.M.

20th. Full Moon 4h 30m A.M.
28th. Last Quar. 7h 17m P.M.

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST.

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| 1 | TH | Christ is all and in all. Col. iii. 11. |
| 2 | F | Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. |
| 3 | S | His name shall be called Wonderful, the mighty God. |
| 4 | S | He is the Head of the body, the Church. Col. i. 18. |
| 5 | M | This is His name. . . THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. |
| 6 | TU | I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. |
| 7 | W | They shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. |
| 8 | TH | In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. |
| 9 | F | THE KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. xix. 16. |
| 10 | S | In all things He might have the pre-eminence. Col. i. 18. |
| 11 | S | My beloved is . . . the chiefest among ten thousand. |
| 12 | M | In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and know- |
| 13 | TU | He is Lord of all. Acts. x. 36. [ledge. |
| 14 | W | The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. |
| 15 | TH | All things that the Father hath are mine. John xvi. 15. |
| 16 | F | The only Potentate, the King of kings. 1 Tim. vi. 15. |
| 17 | S | Upholding all things by the word of His power. [sist. |
| 18 | S | He is before all things, and by Him all things con- |
| 19 | M | It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell. |
| 20 | TU | In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. |
| 21 | W | Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Ps. xlv. 6. |
| 22 | TH | The Head of all principality and power. Col. ii. 10. |
| 23 | F | On His head were many crowns. Rev. xix. 12. [house. |
| 24 | S | They shall hang upon Him all the glory of His Father's |
| 25 | S | We see Jesus crowned with glory and honour. |
| 26 | M | The Lord shall be King over all the earth. Zech. xiv. 9. |
| 27 | TU | Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power. |
| 28 | W | He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His |
| 29 | TH | I am the resurrection and the life. [throne. |
| 30 | F | Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and
righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. |

I WOULD FOLLOW JESUS.

I WOULD follow Jesus wholly in the way,
Doing what He pleases, loving to obey ;
At His feet be sitting, resting on His word,
Daily lessons learning of my risen Lord.

Learning in the desert lessons of His grace ;
Catching through the portals glimpses of His face—
Shining from the glory of my home above,
Shedding sunshine o'er me, speaking of His love.

Knowing Jesus only, setting man aside,
Taking Him who 's worthy as my only Guide ;
Resting in His shadow, where no earth-mists come ;
On His arm be leaning till I reach my home.

Gently to the haven nearing day by day,
Walking with my Jesus, making Him my stay ;
I would follow Jesus wholly in the way,
Doing all He pleases, loving to obey.

MAY, 31 Days.

5th. New Moon 3h 3m P.M.
12th. First Quar. 7h 37m A.M.

20th. Full Moon 8h 50m A.M.
28th. Last Quar. 6h 30m A.M.

THE UNFOLDINGS OF GOD'S CHARACTER.

- 1 S Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity?
2 S **God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.**
3 M God is love. 1 John iv. 16. [weighed.
4 Tu The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are
5 W The Lord God, merciful and gracious. Ex. xxxiv. 6.
6 Th Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive. Ps. lxxxvi. 5.
7 F The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy.
8 S The Lord is righteous in all His ways. Ps. cxlv. 17.
9 S **Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.**
10 M Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises?
11 Tu He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.
12 W In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. xxvi. 4.
13 Th A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.
14 F The Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.
15 S I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness. Jer. ix. 24.
16 S *Whit Sun.* **Thou art a God ready to pardon.**
17 M Thou are great, and doest wondrous things. Ps. lxxxvi. 10.
18 Tu I am God, and not man; the Holy One. Hosea xi. 9.
19 W The God of patience and consolation. Rom. xv. 5.
20 Th The God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Cor. xiii. 11.
21 F He is an holy God; He is a jealous God. Josh. xxiv. 19.
22 S He shall be called the Lord our Righteousness. Jer. xxiii. 6.
23 S **The Lord is a God of judgment.** Isa. xxx. 18.
24 M Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne.
25 Tu Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face. Ps. lxxxix. 14.
26 W A Father of the fatherless is God in His holy habitation.
27 Th God is faithful. 1 Cor. i. 9.
28 F The Lord is the true, He is the living God. Jer. x. 10.
29 S The Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts is His name.
30 S **The Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**
31 M The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

GEMS OF TRUTH.

REPENTANCE is, properly speaking, *a change of mind, or a new mind about God.*

Regeneration is *a change of heart, or a new heart towards God.*

Conversion is *a change of life, or a new life for God.*

Adoption is *a change of family, or a new relationship to God.*

Sanctification is *a change of employment, or a consecration of all to God.*

Glorification is *a change of place, or a new condition with God.*

Justification, which is *a change of state, or a new standing before God, goes before all; for being "accepted in the Beloved" is the foundation and cause of all, or more properly speaking, the precious seed, from which all the rest spring, blossom, and bear fruit.*

My sins are on Jesus, the Lamb that was slain;
My life is in Jesus, who liveth again;
My hope is for Jesus, who cometh to reign;
And "Glory to Jesus!" my tongue's dearest strain.
To Him I devote what of life shall remain,
All I have, all I am—I would nothing retain.

JUNE, 30 Days.

3rd. New Moon 10h 21m P.M.	18th. Full Moon 11h 56m P.M.
10th. First Quar. 7h 55m P.M.	26th. Last Quar. 2h 39m P.M.

HOLINESS ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.

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| 1 | TU | As He who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy. |
| 2 | W | Be not conformed to this world. Rom. xii. 2. |
| 3 | TH | Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. [flesh. |
| 4 | F | Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the |
| 5 | S | Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified. |
| 6 | S | Thou art a holy people unto the Lord. [earth. |
| 7 | M | Set your affection on things above, not on things on the |
| 8 | TU | They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. |
| 9 | W | Created in Christ Jesus unto good works. [world. |
| 10 | TH | Love not the world, neither the things that are in the |
| 11 | F | Clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. |
| 12 | S | Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. |
| 13 | S | Our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven. Phil. |
| 14 | M | Be ye separate . . . and touch not the unclean thing. |
| 15 | TU | Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling. |
| 16 | W | Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Luke xvi. 13. |
| 17 | TH | I have ordained you, that ye should... bring forth fruit. |
| 18 | F | Yield yourselves unto God, as those... alive from the dead. |
| 19 | S | Your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless. |
| 20 | S | Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy. |
| 21 | M | Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. v. 22. |
| 22 | TU | Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit. 1 Cor. vi. 20. |
| 23 | W | Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. |
| 24 | TH | Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds. |
| 25 | F | Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love. |
| 26 | S | Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. 1 Pet. i. 15. |
| 27 | S | Purge out therefore the old leaven. 1 Cor. v. 7. |
| 28 | M | He that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself. |
| 29 | TU | This is the will of God, even your sanctification. |
| 30 | W | Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Tim. ii. 19. |

SANCTIFIED.

CHURCH of God, beloved and chosen, Church of Christ, for whom He died,
Claim thy gifts, and praise thy Giver! "*Ye are washed and sanctified.*"

Sanctified by God the Father, and by Jesus Christ His Son,
And by God the Holy Spirit, Holy, Holy Three in One.

By His will He sanctifieth, by the Spirit's power within ;
By the loving Hand that chasteneth fruits of righteousness to win ;
By His truth and by His promise, by the Word, His gift unpriced,
By His own blood, and by union with the risen life of Christ.

Holiness by faith in Jesus, not by effort of thine own,
Sin's dominion crushed and broken by the power of grace alone,
God's own holiness within thee, His own beauty on thy brow,
This shall be thy pilgrim brightness, this thy blessed portion now.

He will sanctify thee wholly, body, spirit, soul shall be
Blameless till thy Saviour's coming in His glorious majesty !

He hath perfected for ever those whom He hath sanctified ;

Spotless, glorious, and holy is the Church, His chosen Bride.

F. R. H.

JULY, 31 Days.

3rd. New Moon 5h 25m A.M.	18th. Full Moon 1h 27m P.M.
10th. First Quar. 10h 40m A.M.	25th. Last Quar. 8h 39m P.M.

LEARNING OF CHRIST.

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| 1 | TH | Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; } } Matt. xi. 29. | |
| 2 | F | For I am meek and lowly in heart. | |
| 3 | S | Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners. | |
| 4 | S | Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again. | |
| 5 | M | Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example. | |
| 6 | TU | Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord. Heb. xii. 5. | |
| 7 | W | Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord. 1 Thess. i. 6. | |
| 8 | TH | For even Christ pleased not Himself. Rom. xv. 3. | |
| 9 | F | Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. iii. 13. | |
| 10 | S | Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. | |
| 11 | S | Ye also ought to wash one another's feet. Jno. xiii. | |
| 12 | M | Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. | |
| 13 | TU | Love ye your enemies, and do good. Luke vi. 35. | |
| 14 | W | Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. [done to you. | |
| 15 | TH | I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have | |
| 16 | F | If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye. | |
| 17 | S | When He suffered, He threatened not. 1 Peter ii. 23. | |
| 18 | S | If God so loved us, we ought to love one another. | |
| 19 | M | The Son of man had not where to lay His head. Matt. viii. 20. | |
| 20 | TU | Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. | |
| 21 | W | Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, | |
| 22 | TH | If thine enemy hunger, feed him. [Christ Jesus. | |
| 23 | F | Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of | |
| 24 | S | Follow thou Me. John xxi. 22. [Christ. | |
| 25 | S | Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ. | |
| 26 | M | Which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. | |
| 27 | TU | Jesus, who was faithful to Him that appointed Him. | |
| 28 | W | Be thou faithful unto death. Rev. ii. 10. | |
| 29 | TH | The sheep follow Him; for they know His voice. Jo. x. 4. | |
| 30 | F | Looking off unto Jesus. Heb. xii. 2. | |
| 31 | S | It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master. | |

CHOICE SAYINGS.

A LOOK at *Jesus* purifies; but it is the continued looking, the sustained faith, that keeps us pure, and unto this what diligence and exercise of soul are needful!

It is wonderful that any Christian can be content while a single stain of sin remains on the conscience unwashed by the blood. The necessity of daily washing is of primary importance, and indispensable to holiness. When the believer washes daily, the very repetition of the act keeps the conscience sensitive to sin.

The further we advance in the divine life, the deeper insight do we gain into our own unworthiness; for our hearts are laid bare when we come in contact with the true light. In learning what holiness is, we also learn the depth of our guilt.

The higher we rise in holiness, the lower shall we sink, not in self-esteem merely, but in self-consciousness and self-manifestation. Moses on the mount knew not that his face shone. Had he gazed at himself, the glory would have fled. It was the result of gazing on God.

Practical holiness, though not the *basis* of our salvation, is intimately connected with our enjoyment thereof. If we are saved *by grace*, we are saved *to holiness*.

AUGUST, 31 Days.

1st. New Moon 1h 28m P.M.

17th. Full Moon 1h 34m A.M.

9th. First Quar. 3h 30m A.M.

24th. Last Quar. 1h 39m A.M.

30th. New Moon 11h 41m A.M.

OBEDIENCE AND ITS REWARD.

- 1 **S** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col. iii.
- 2 **M** To obey is better than sacrifice. 1 Sam. xv. 22. [paths.
- 3 **TU** In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy
- 4 **W** Where I am, there shall also My servant be. John xii. 26.
- 5 **TH** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
- 6 **F** If any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.
- 7 **S** They shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
- 8 **S** **Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**
- 9 **M** No good will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 10 **TU** If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love.
- 11 **W** He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him. Ps. cxlv.
- 12 **TH** Verily there is a reward for the righteous. Ps. lviii. 11.
- 13 **F** Them that honour Me I will honour. 1 Sam. ii. 30.
- 14 **S** Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.
- 15 **S** **He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness.**
- 16 **M** He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 Jo. ii. 17.
- 17 **TU** Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;
- 18 **W** And all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. vi. 33.
- 19 **TH** They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.
- 20 **F** Obey My voice, and I will be your God. [obey Him.
- 21 **S** He became the author of eternal salvation unto all that
- 22 **S** **He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.**
- 23 **M** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth.
- 24 **TU** To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.
- 25 **W** Give, and it shall be given unto you. Luke vi. 38.
- 26 **TH** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
- 27 **F** Thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord. Jer. 31. 16.
- 28 **S** A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord.
- 29 **S** **He that overcometh shall inherit all things.**
- 30 **M** We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts v. 29.
- 31 **TU** Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

THE SOUL'S DESIRE.

TAKE my life, dear Lord, and use it ;
Wholly Thine so let it be !
Filled each moment from Thy fulness,
Moulded, guided, ruled by Thee.
All the mingled, broken story
Of the past Thou readest well ;
All the changeful shade and sunshine
Of the future Thou canst tell.
Glad and free with Thee I leave them ;
All my longings lost in one.
Higher, closer, nearer draw me
To Thyself, till years are done.

PRAYER ANSWERED.

HE answered all my prayer abundantly,
And crowned the work that to His feet I brought,
With blessing more than I had asked or thought—
A blessing undisguised, and fair, and free.
I stood amazed, and whispered, " Can it be
That He hath granted all the boon I sought ?
How wonderful that He for me hath wrought !
How wonderful that He hath answered me !"
O faithless heart ! He said that He would hear
And answer thy poor prayer ; and He hath heard.
And proved His promise. Wherefore didst thou fear ?
Why marvel that thy Lord hath kept His word ?
More wonderful if He should fail to bless
Expectant faith and prayer with good success !

SEPTEMBER, 30 Days.

7th. First Quar. 9h 38m P.M.	22nd. Last Quar. 7h 0m A.M.
15th. Full Moon 0h 42m P.M.	29th. New Moon 0h 55m P.M.

SURE WORDS OF PROMISE.

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| 1 | W | Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee. Gen. xxviii. 15. |
| 2 | TH | The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work. 2 Tim. iv. |
| 3 | F | Because I live, ye shall live also. John xiv. 19. |
| 4 | S | The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever. Ps. xxxiii. 11. |
| 5 | S | He will keep the feet of His saints. 1 Sam. ii. 9. |
| 6 | M | My God shall supply all your need. Phil. iv. 1. |
| 7 | TU | Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. |
| 8 | W | The word of our God shall stand for ever. Isa. xl. 8. |
| 9 | TH | The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me. |
| 10 | F | Bread shall be given him, and his water shall be sure. |
| 11 | S | He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him. |
| 12 | S | Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Ps. lxxxix. 10. |
| 13 | M | I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. |
| 14 | TU | The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you. 2 Thess. iii. 3. |
| 15 | W | I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee. Isa. xli. 10. |
| 16 | TH | Nor will I suffer my faithfulness to fail. Ps. lxxxix. 33. |
| 17 | F | A little while, and He that shall come will come. |
| 18 | S | I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. Rev. iii. |
| 19 | S | Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. |
| 20 | M | I will command My blessing upon you. Lev. xxv. 21. |
| 21 | TU | They shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. |
| 22 | W | Given unto us exceeding great and precious promises. |
| 23 | TH | This is the promise that He hath promised us, eternal life. |
| 24 | F | He is faithful that promised. Heb. x. 23. |
| 25 | S | Behold, I make all things new. Rev. xxi. 5. |
| 26 | S | Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me. |
| 27 | M | He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. |
| 28 | TU | I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. |
| 29 | W | I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice. |
| 30 | TH | All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen. |

2 Cor. i. 20.

WORK NOW.

THE wheels of eternity are sounding behind us ; life must be short. To those to whom it is longest it is but brief. Work on, worker ! You have scarce time to finish your day's work. Waste not a second. Throw not away these priceless hours. Speed ! speed ! as with sevenfold wing time glides forward— swifter than the thunderbolt. Oh, pause not, trifle not ! Oh, Christian, if thou wouldest take thy crowns up to thy Lord, and great sheaves from the harvest, "work while it is called to-day !" "It is high time," says the apostle, "to awake out of sleep." Would that you would consider it. Be not as those who open their eyes in the morning, only to close them again, like the sluggard, with the reflection, "I need not bestir myself yet." But start, man, from thy slumbers as one who feels that he has slept too long, and must now briskly cast off dull sloth, bestirring himself with eager haste to do his appointed task, to redeem the time, to reclaim the golden hours.

If you cannot in the harvest garner up the richest sheaves,
Many a grain, both ripe and golden, which the careless
reaper leaves,
You can glean among the briers growing rank against the wall ;
And it may be that the shadows hide the heaviest wheat of all.
Do not, then, stand idly waiting for some nobler work to do
For your heavenly Father's glory ; ever earnest, ever true,
Go and toil in any vineyard, work in patience and in prayer :
If you want a field of labour, you can find it anywhere.

OCTOBER, 31 Days.

7th. First Quar. 4h 5m P.M.	21st. Last Quar. 2h 13m P.M.
14th. Full Moon 11h 14m P.M.	29th. New Moon 5h 13m A.M.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ADORNING.

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| 1 | F | Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. |
| 2 | S | Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. |
| 3 | S | Let thy garments be always white. Ecces. ix. 8. |
| 4 | M | To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen. |
| 5 | TU | The fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Rev. xix. 8. |
| 6 | W | The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. 1 Peter iii. 4. |
| 7 | TH | The king's daughter is all glorious within; } Ps. xlv. 13. |
| 8 | F | Her clothing is of wrought gold. } |
| 9 | S | Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments. |
| 10 | S | Having your loins girt about with truth. Eph. vi. 14. |
| 11 | M | Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. xiii. 14. |
| 12 | TU | He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; |
| 13 | W | He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. |
| 14 | TH | Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt. |
| 15 | F | Perfect through My comeliness . . . saith the Lord God. |
| 16 | S | Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. |
| 17 | S | Be clothed with humility. 1 Peter v. 5. |
| 18 | M | Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. |
| 19 | TU | Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning.... |
| 20 | W | Of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel. |
| 21 | TH | Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. |
| 22 | F | He will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. cxlix. 4. |
| 23 | S | Put on the whole armour of God. Ephes. vi. 11. |
| 24 | S | Wisdom is better than rubies. Prov. viii. 11. |
| 25 | M | Adorn themselves . . . with good works. 1 Tim. ii. 9, 10. |
| 26 | TU | Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. Ps. xc. 17. |
| 27 | W | The lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. Prov. xx. 15. |
| 28 | TH | Put on therefore as the elect of God . . . bowels of mercies. |
| 29 | F | Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels. Cant. i. 10. |
| 30 | S | He that overcometh, ... shall be clothed in white raiment. |
| 31 | S | So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty. Ps. xlv. |

"YEA, LET HIM TAKE ALL."

(2 SAM. xix. 30.)

TAKE my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and "beautiful" for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold ;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and my days ;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine ;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart ; it *is* Thine own ;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love ; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
Ever, *only*, ALL for Thee.

FRANCIS RIDLEY HAYERGAL.

NOVEMBER, 30 Days.

6th. First Quar. 9h 52m A.M.
13th. Full Moon 9h 30m A.M.

20th. Last Quar. 0h 37m A.M.
27th. New Moon 11h 44m P.M.

ACCEPTABLE WORDS.

- 1 M Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only. Jas. i. 22.
- 2 TU The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him.
- 3 W They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
- 4 TH If thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice. Pro. xxiii. 15.
- 5 F The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich. Prov. x. 22.
- 6 S A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.
- 7 **S The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him.**
- 8 M Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do.
- 9 TU He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.
- 10 W I sought the Lord, and He heard me. Ps. xxxiv. 4.
- 11 TH Unto you therefore which believe He is precious.
- 12 F The Lord shall be thine everlasting light. Isa. lx. 20.
- 13 S Let your moderation be known unto all men. Phil. iv. 4.
- 14 **S Watch...stand fast in the faith, quit you like men.**
- 15 M Walk in wisdom toward them that are without. Col. iv. 5.
- 16 TU Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.
- 17 W He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord.
- 18 TH Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph. v. 16.
- 19 F He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.
- 20 S Honour the Lord with thy substance. Prov. iii. 9.
- 21 **S The joy of the Lord is your strength.** Neh. viii. 10.
- 22 M If a man love Me, he will keep My words. John xiv. 23.
- 23 TU To be spiritually minded is life and peace. Rom. viii. 6.
- 24 W In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence. Prov. xiv. 26.
- 25 TH Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. vi. 6.
- 26 F Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. 2 Tim. iv. 5.
- 27 S Contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.
- 28 **S He that watereth shall be watered also himself.**
- 29 M Study to show thyself approved unto God. 2 Tim. ii. 15.
- 30 TU Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. x. 31.

WORDS OF TRUTH.

FAR-SEEING faith climbs the staircase which hope has builded, and bowing upon the knees of prayer, looks through the window which love has opened, and sees the Lord Jesus Christ coming in His glory and endowing all His people with the eternal life which is to be their portion.

Faith builds on the foundation laid in eternity, in the fair colours of the Saviour's blood, in the covenant of grace. It goes to God for every stone to be used in the building, and brings forth the top-stone with shoutings of "Grace, grace unto it."

Jesus, our High Priest, carries the names of His people on His *heart*, the place of love; and on His *shoulders*, the seat of power. Inside the holy place they sparkle in light and beauty, and every saint in Christ reflects before God the light, and love, and beauty of His own perfectness and glory; and the glorious God sheds His beams of heavenly satisfaction right down upon them, sparkling on the breast of Jesus, their High Priest.

Oh, give me, Lord, the single eye
That looks to none but Thee!
I fain would live, and yet not I,
Let Jesus live in me.

Like Noah's dove, no rest I find
But in the Ark of Peace;
Thy cross the balance of my mind,
Thy wounds my hiding-place.

DECEMBER, 31 Days.

6th. First Quar. 1h 56m A.M.
12th. Full Moon 7h 45m P.M.

19th. Last Quar. 2h 56m P.M.
27th. New Moon 1h 4m P.M.

WILDERNESS CONSOLATION.

- 1 W There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- 2 TH God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Rev. vii. 7.
- 3 F When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee.
- 4 S In all their affliction He was afflicted. Isa. lxiii. 9.
- 5 **S Casting all your care upon Him; He careth for you.**
- 6 M I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. xiii. 5.
- 7 TU In due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. vi. 9.
- 8 W Them also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.
- 9 TH He will swallow up death in victory. Isa. xxv. 8.
- 10 F The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.
- 11 S All things work together for good to them that love God.
- 12 **S When He shall appear, we shall be like Him.**
- 13 M I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice.
- 14 TU Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 15 W None of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.
- 16 TH Ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
- 17 F They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Ps. cxxvi. 5.
- 18 S He led them forth by the right way. Ps. cvii. 7.
- 19 **S Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.** Ps. xxiii. 4.
- 20 M There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.
- 21 TU I will come again, and receive you unto myself.
- 22 W In my Father's house are many mansions. John xiv. 2.
- 23 TH If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. 2 Tim. ii. 12.
- 24 F The Lord will be a refuge in times of trouble. Ps. ix. 9.
- 25 S *Christmas Day.* Unto you is born this day a Saviour.
- 26 **S I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee.**
- 27 M In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion.
- 28 TU As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.
- 29 W Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth.
- 30 TH My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.
- 31 F Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

REST IN THE LORD.

BE still, my soul, Jehovah loveth thee!
Fret not, nor murmur at thy weary lot;
Though dark and lone thy journey seems to be,
Be sure that thou art ne'er by Him forgot.
He ever loves; then trust Him, trust Him still;
Let all thy care be this—the doing of His will.

Thy hand in His, like fondest, happiest child,
Place thou, nor draw it for a moment thence;
Walk thou with Him, a Father reconciled,
Till in His own good time He calls thee hence.
Walk with Him now—so shall thy way be bright,
And all thy soul be filled with His most glorious light.

Take courage, faint not, though the foe be strong;
Christ is thy strength! He fighteth on thy side.
Swift be thy race; remember, 'tis not long;
The goal is near, the prize He will provide;
And then from earthly toil thou restest ever,
Never again to toil, or fight, or fear—oh, never!

He comes with His reward; 'tis just at hand;
He comes in glory to His promised throne.
My soul, rejoice; ere long thy feet shall stand
Within the city of the Blessed One.

Thy perils past, thy heritage secure,
Thy tears all wiped away, thy joy for ever sure!

THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON CANTICLES.

WHAT a precious interweaving we have here of Christ's joy in the church, and the church's joy in Christ! His love resting in what He has made her. Her soul occupied with what He is, His loveliness filling all her vision, and absorbing all her affections; and again the heart of Christ ravished with the reflection of the glory of His own grace in His spouse.

There is no self-occupation from the time she is brought into the King's chambers, and discovers her blackness in the light there. She forgets herself entirely in the banqueting-house (chap. ii. 4); and on from one depth to another, in the appreciation of her Beloved, we find her but once looking inward (chap. v. 5, 6), and so losing sight of Him. Slothfulness of soul, as in chap. iii. 1, first comes upon her, just testing the faithfulness of Him who waits in the night dew until she rises, though, alas! it is to look at that which He has wrought in her—not at Himself.

But her Beloved had withdrawn Himself, and was gone. The watchmen handle her roughly; and she

finds no rest until her soul is again filled with the joy of His presence, bursting forth into a yet higher song of praise, "Yea, He is altogether lovely."

It is very remarkable how much broader and deeper all through the book is His joy in her than her joy in Him. Ah, beloved saints, as we gaze through a glass darkly on Him in whom our souls delight, do we enter into the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints? Do we remember that the very joy that flows into our waiting souls flows from Him who said, "That my joy in you might remain, and that your joy might be full"? The heart of Jesus is gladdened as He sees in us of the fruit of His travail, and our hearts are glad in fellowship with His; yet always remembering that what He is, is *for us*, and what He has made us, is *for Him*, and for Him only. His love for us must ever outstep our love for Him; His joy in us be ever the greater, bearing its proportion according to the depths to which He descended, that He might present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy—the joy of the Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep. *Then* we shall perfectly reflect His image; for we shall see Him as He is. Then, and then only, shall the deep longings of His heart for us find rest; and, blessed be God, rest for ever.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

Service we find far on in the book, when the soul has reached the full experience of the love that is to be the power for it. (Chap. vii. 10-12.) The fruitful bough first spreading forth its roots by the rivers of water, then the branches shooting over the wall.

Lastly, we have the *hasting*—"Make haste, my Beloved." (Chap. viii. 14.) If our affections have passed within the veil where Christ is, we cannot linger here in spirit. There must be the reaching forth (Phil. iii. 13), the straining of every energy of our souls to where He is, the life we have received from Him panting for its native atmosphere in His unveiled presence. What can quicken to this like apprehending the fact that Christ waits for us there? that even on the Father's throne His heart is still unsatisfied without us? Once He came down from the glory into our deep need, misery, and sin, to redeem us with His own blood. Yet again He will come, to take to Himself the purchased possession, His own now in the world. Who shall say how precious, how longed for? But our home is there, where He is. Ah, beloved fellow-saints, may God help us in the little while that remains to give joy to the heart of Jesus by dwelling continually in His presence, and abiding ever in His love.

A. E. W.

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