

POINTED ILLUSTRATIONS.

Illustrations, like windows, let light into the chambers of the mind. Mere bald statements are soon forgotten, but illustrations stick in the soul like the hook in a fish's mouth.

SNARED.

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."—Proverbs xiii. 20.

WHEN Henry II. quarrelled with Thomas à Becket, and said "Is there none will rid me of this turbulent priest?" it was the presence of those four hot-headed knights that made the wish so fatal. But for them Becket would not have been assassinated.

So with Ahab. But for Ahab's wife the chances are that Naboth would have escaped.

Herein lies the danger of evil companionship and surroundings. Sooner or later the weak moment comes and the man or woman is caught in the snare.

WHERE AM I?

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves."—2 Cor. xiii. 5.

A Chinaman, with pigtail of regulation length, arrived one day fresh from the Flowery Land at a London railway terminus. He wore a cap, carried a bag in one hand, an umbrella in the other, and was otherwise dressed after the manner of his kind. Upon stepping from the train with quiet celestial dignity, the sight he saw, mingled with screaming whistles and other roarings, appalled him. He stood still, took off his hat, dropped his bag, laid down his umbrella, and in tones of awe-struck wonderment exclaimed to himself, and to a crowd of gaping boys around, "Here's my hat, here's my bag, here's my umbrella, but—WHERE AM I?"

Where are you? Spiritually, are you where you ought to be. The question is not what is your rank, religious connection or surroundings. We've got the hats and bags and umbrellas in abundance, but—"where are you?" "Enquire within" Enquire now.—Assurance

"NEVER SAY DIE."

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."—Prov. xvii. 22.

Sydney Smith said: "I have gout, asthma and seven other maladies, but—am otherwise very well."

Said John Wesley: "I feel and grieve, but—by the grace of God—I fret at nothing."

THE NAIL PRINTS.

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself."—Matt. xvi. 24.

There is a strange legend of old St. Martin. He sat one day in his monastery cell, busily engaged in his sacred studies, when there was a knock at the door. "Enter," said the monk. The door swung open, and there appeared a stranger of lordly look, in princely attire. "Who art thou?" said St. Martin. "I am Jesus Christ," was the answer. The monk gave the visitor one deep searching glance and quietly asked, "Where is the print of the nails?" The monk had seen that this one indubitable mark of Christ's person was wanting. Seeing that his base deception was exposed, the prince of evil fled.

The true mark of the Christ and of true Christ-work is self-denial. We may well question the value of any teaching, any work, or any life that does not carry the "print of the nails."

SYMPATHY.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."—Psalm xli. 1.

One of the most characteristic incidents in the life of Abraham Lincoln occurred when he was a lawyer riding home from court with a company of lawyers. He espied two little birds by the roadside that had been blown out of their nest. He dismounted and searched for the nest and mother. Half-an-hour afterwards he overtook his companions, who laughed at him. Said Lincoln, "I could not have slept to-night if I had not given those little birds back to their mother." There spake out the big loving heart which afterwards throbbed in sympathy for a whole race that lay suffering by the wayside—wronged and wounded by a hundred years' bondage.

Let us not only feel for others' difficulties, but translate our feelings into practical help. Don't forget the Grace-before-Meat Box.

The Month's Changes.

Staff Promotions and Changes.—JUNE, 1900.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Brigadier MAPP, late in charge of Ceylon, to be Chief Secretary for the Hatfield Land and Industrial Colony, under Colonel Lamb.
Adjutant THOMAS BELL, of the Secretaries' Department, to the Central Staff Department, under Colonel Taylor.
Captain SWAIN, of the Subscribers' Department, to be Ensign.
Captain GOLDSMITH, of the City Colony Headquarters, to be Ensign.
Captain CHARLES SMITH, of Hanbury Street Elevator, City Colony, to be Ensign.
Captain PARSONS, of Brightlingsea, to the Secretaries' Department under Brigadier Simpson.

Women's Social Work.—Promotions.

Captain PRENTICE to be Ensign.
Captain HOWSON to be Ensign.
Captain SWAIN to be Ensign.

PROMOTIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Ensign ANNIE BUCHANAN to be Adjutant.
Ensign CLARA AILEN to be Adjutant.
Ensign ANNIE WEBBER to be Adjutant.
Ensign BORWICK to the Home Office.

AUSTRALASIA.

Captain POLLE DIX to be Ensign.
Captain FREDERICK BURTON to be Ensign.
Captain FRANK M. SHACKLETON to be Ensign.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Ensign HENDY to be Adjutant.

HOLLAND.

Captain BEYERWIK to be Ensign.

NORWAY.

Captain TH. JAKOSEN to be Ensign.

UNITED STATES.

Adjutant EMILY MARCH to be Staff-Captain, and appointed to the command of North-Western Pennsylvania District, W.N.Y. Chief Division.
Adjutant LIZZIE BARTER, to be Staff-Captain, and appointed to the command of the Northern Central District, W.N.Y. Chief Division.
Ensign ERICKSON, Fort Amity, Col., to be Adjutant.
Ensign DONIS, Social, to be Adjutant.
Captain CHARLE GREGGERSON, Brooklyn Slums, to be Ensign.
Captain MOUTON, Fall River, Mass., to be Ensign.
Captain THOMAS WILLIAMSON, Cheboygan, to be Ensign.
Captain FLORENCE R. JONES, Statistical Department, to be Ensign and appointed as A.D.C. to Staff-Captain Barter.

FRANCE.

Staff-Captain EMMERD to be Major.
Ensign DELAPRAZ to be Adjutant.
Ensign BASTINO to be Adjutant.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Ensign BENWELL to be Adjutant.
Captain FRIECH to be Ensign.
Captain DO AT to be Ensign.
Captain JAYET to be Ensign.

MADRAS AND TELUGU.

Ensign KRIPA (CAMERON) to be Adjutant and appointed as Collector, Ceylon.

INDIA (MARATHI).

Captain PRAMANAND to be Ensign.

SOUTH INDIA.

Captain DHARMAKRAN to be Ensign.

APPOINTMENTS.

AUSTRALIA.

Ensign JOHN CARLESS, Small Boys' Home, Bayswater.
Ensign WILLIAM YANDELL, Bullarat Shelter.
Ensign LIZZIE WINTER, Maternity Home, Brisbane, Queensland.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Ensign O'REILLY to take charge of Workmen's Metropole and Soddie's Home, Kimberley.

DENMARK.

Ensign D. JOHANSEN to Training Home (assist Major Leiden).

NORWAY.

Commissioner RIDSEL to be Territorial Commissioner.

CANADA.

Major McMILLAN to West Ontario Province, as P.O.
Major COLLIER, Financial Secretary, to be Assistant General Secretary.
Major TRISER, Chancellor of the Central Ontario Province, to be Assistant P.O.
Staff-Captain STANYON, General Secretary's Office, to be Chancellor for the C.O.P.
Staff-Captain ARCHIBALD to Territorial Headquarters, for special work of Financial and Men's Social Affairs, under the Territorial Secretary.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Adjutant BENWELL to be Chancellor at Territorial Headquarters.

HOLLAND.

Ensign STEL to the Land Colony.

ITALY.

Ensign PAGLIERI to be Secretary to the T.C. and Accountant.
Ensign ELLIOTT to take charge of Passiotti Corps and Training Home at Val Pellice.

GERMANY.

Adjutant GIEBLER to the Home of Rest.