

of His own Nature and every answer to prayer is in harmony with the eternal rule of righteousness.

THE VALUE OF CHILD-SERVICE

'And Jesus saith unto them; "Hath ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"'—Matthew xxi. 16.

A striking incident is told of a missionary in India, who was called to a little out-of-the-way village to receive into Church-fellowship more than sixty adult converts from Hinduism. He noticed a boy sitting in a back corner watching and listening very wistfully. Finally he came forward. 'What, my boy, do you want to join the Church?' 'Yes, sir.' 'But you are very young, and if I were to receive you, and you were to slip aside, it would do injury to the cause of Christ. I shall come again in six months, and then, if I find you steadfast and true, I will receive and baptize you gladly.' No sooner was this said, than all the people rose to their feet, and one, speaking for the rest, said: 'Why, sir, it is he who told us all we know about Jesus Christ.' And so it turned out to be.

ENTHUSIASTIC GIVING

'In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.'—2 Cor. viii. 2.

How beautiful to look on a pure and generous enthusiasm! We see this large, overflowing spirit in the building of Solomon's Temple. David 'prepared iron in abundance,' 'brass without weight,' 'cedar trees in abundance,' 'talents of gold and silver without weight, in abundance,' 'workmen in abundance,' 'all manner of cunning men,' 'gold, silver, brass, iron, there is no number.' Love dispensed with weights and scales, meted without measure, and swallowed arithmetic in infinity. It was thus in the boundless enthusiasm of the first Christians—they gave all.

We are not called to imitate their example—it is never proposed for imitation—but we ought to be imbued with their spirit. What we do for God and man must not be finely calculated, but determined in the spirit of a holy magnanimity, in the temper of the infinite.

Let me attempt noble things in a becoming mood—without delay, without grudging, without regret. If a generous enthusiasm is beautiful to look upon, how much more to share its glow!

THE GRACE THAT PRESERVES FROM SIN

'Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.'— Jude 24.

An old poem, 'Strife in Heaven,' describes how a number of saints in Heaven discussed the question which of them was the greatest monument of God's saving grace. Two were finally elected to state the case.

The first, an old man, says he had been a thief, a liar, a blasphemer, a drunkard, and a murderer, but on his death-bed at the eleventh hour Christ came to him and pardoned him.

The second, also an old man, then speaks. He says that he was brought to Christ when he was a boy, that he had led a quiet and uneventful life, and had looked forward to Heaven as long as he could remember.

When the vote was taken, it was given to the last. It required great grace to redeem the veteran in sin; but more was required to keep that other life from guilt through all the tempted years; more to save him from the sins of youth and steer him scathless through riper manhood, and crown his days with usefulness and his old age with patience and hope. The first was saved from dying in sin. The last from living in sin. The one needed forgiving grace alone; the second needed forgiving and restraining grace.

Field Changes

MAY

Notts. and Derby Division

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
W't'n-n-T'nt.	Ens. Richardson	John Martin
Derby III.	Ens. Brown	Carler
Old Mansford	Ens. Smith	—
Hott'ham II.	Ens. Smith	—
IV. Fosyth	Ens. Lister	—
Peterboro'	Adj. John Copeland	—
Arnold	—	Smith (in ch.)
Beaumont	Ens. Bedlow	Turner
Calper	—	Harrott
Easton	Ens. Murray	—
Eastwell	Ens. Riley	—
Goatville	Ens. Pickering	Branch
Crowland	Ens. Burton	Brett
Derby I.	—	—
II.	Ens. Reynolds	—
Eastwood	Ens. Watts	Cole
Farret	Ens. Croft	—
Grantham	Ens. Spillet	—
Long Eaton	Ens. Gill	—
Long Sutton	Ens. Barnett	Houghton
Mansfield	Ens. Ens.	Nottridget
Mansfield	—	—
Woodhouse	Ens. Barry	—
M'Ch'bray	Ens. Wadge	—
Newark	Ens. Whall	Field
Ripley	Ens. Brooks	Naylor
St. Andrew's	Ens. Paul	McDall
St. D'p'ng.	Ens. Godson	McKerrow
St. Paul's	Ens. Brigland	Wick
Spalding	Ens. McLellan	—
Wirksworth	Ens. Williams	—

North Western Division

W't'n-n-Frn's	Adj. Kearsley	—
Freston I.	Ens. Wyatt	—
Carlisle II.	Adj. Davies	Young
Blackburn IV.	Ens. Wilkinson	—
Carlton	Ens. Salter	Maunder
Whitehaven	Ens. Hartley	—
Blackburn III.	Ens. Perry	—
Brierfield	Ens. Gray	Beasley
Darwen II.	Ens. Nicholle	Toon
Morcombe	Ens. Smith	—
Accrington	Ens. McKeen	—
Barnsley	Ens. Day	—
Blackburn I.	—	Dunston
Burnley III.	Ens. Fellingham	McKerrow
"	V. Selby	Howe
"	VI. Nash	—
Carlisle I.	Ens. Davies	—
Clayton	Ens. Tonend	Grey
Greater Moor	Ens. Turk	—
Clitheroe	Ens. Broadbent	Bedford
Colne	Ens. Barratt	—
Dalton	Ens. Bell	Locke
Darwen I.	Ens. Austen	—
Old Wood	Ens. Ayret	—
Kendal	Ens. Christie	—
Lancaster	Ens. James	—
Millom	Ens. Greenfield	—
Maryport	Ens. Mainwaring	McLeod
Pennith	Ens. Low	Rasmussen
Pudham	Ens. Plant	Readwin
Rilston	—	Thornett
Ulveston	Ens. Carter	Mackie
Worthington	Ens. Gregory	Ball

Hull & Lincs. Division

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Hull IV	Ens. Moss	—
Sounthorpe	Ens. Doublet	—
Kirt'n Lind's	Ens. Saunders	—
Easingwold	Ens. Lamb	—
Hull VIII	Ens. Heath	—
Malton	Ens. Godley	Pitt
Selby	Ens. Gotbed	Davies
Goole	Ens. Dilley	—
Misterton	Ens. Wm. Warden	(in ch.)
Ashby	—	Ackerly
Lincoln II.	—	Chaffey
Barton	Ens. Rose	—
Bridlington	Ens. Quay	Ens. Snaith
Grimby II.	Ens. Tucker	—
Hull V	Ens. Blake	Buck

South Yorks. Division

Castleford	Ens. Windybank	—
Attercliffe	Ens. Haggard	—
Hensworth Lane	—	Procter
S. Fath'tone	Ens. Brown	—
N'm'n'n'l	Ens. Collins	—
—	—	Bowser and Sutton
Dinnington	Ens. Wilson	—
Gancaster	Ens. Potter	—
Dawthorpe	Ens. Allen	—
Heeley	Ens. Sadler	Manly
Mashboro'	Ens. Reeve	—
Sheffield VII.	Ens. Hawthorne	—
Woodhouse	Ens. Roberts	Davey
Workop	Ens. Fiddell	Pitt
Outwood	Ens. Kilgour	Griffiths
Woodlands	Ens. Rosebottom	White
Marsden	Ens. Crout	—
Sheffield II.	Ens. McMillan	Maycock

Central Yorks. Division

ShIPLEY	Ens. Roberts	—
MORLEY	Ens. Spargo	—
Bingley	Ens. Allen	—
Leeds X.	Ens. Whitehead	Hindman
Thornton	Ens. Greasley	Munton
Undercliffe	Ens. Craven	—
Bradford II.	Ens. Brown	Monteith
Gt. Horton	Ens. Charlesworth	—
HALLFAX II.	Ens. Seager	McKay
HARROGATE	Ens. Clarke	Brown
Haworth	Ens. Sullivan	Brown
Ilke	Ens. Warren	—
Laisterdyke	Ens. Collins	Wheeler
Leeds V.	Ens. Cooper	—
"	VI.	Walker (in ch.)
"	VIII.	Adj. Prestage
Otley	Ens. Butler	Godden
Rothwell	Ens. Hackett	—
Skipton	Ens. Barker	—
Wyke	Ens. Potter	Owen
Leeds II.	Ens. Boyden	—

Tees Division

Consett	Ens. Salter	—
Bish'p A'ck'nd.	Ens. Brownlie	—
Eston	Ens. Rushton	—
Willington	Ens. Minto	—
Murton	Ens. Heggs	Mannouch
Midd'sbro' II.	Ens. Coel	Potter
Shotton	Ens. Cloughton	—

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Crook	Ens. Ailey	Fenton
Darlington	Ens. Harris	Smith
Durham	Ens. Digges	—
Grange'town	Ens. Watkins	—
W. Hart'p'ol.	Adj. Francis	—
Midd'sbro' I.	Ens. Watts	—
"	III. Eggleton	—
"	V. Hartley	Laycock
St'ok't'n-T's.	Adj. Ramsbottom	—
Skinning'v'e.	Ens. Derry	Boraman
Thornaby	Ens. Rogers	—
Trimdon	Ens. Meredith	Comley
South Bank	—	Towneley
Bridlington	Ens. Ad. Atkinson	—
Brotton	Ens. Fletcher	McKenna
N'rth'lerton.	—	Laycock (in ch.)
Sleetburn	Ens. Wilson	Hawarth
Sp'nny'mo'r I.	Ens. Avery	—
Cornsay	—	Limbach
W. Cornforth	—	Holmes

Northern Division

Sunder'nd I.	Ens. Stevenson	—
S. Shields I.	Ens. John Wright	—
Newcastle I.	Ens. Young	—
S'nd'nd VI, VII.	Ens. Vickers	Symes
Ryhope	Ens. Edwards	Akers
Amble	—	Hollindrake (in ch.)
Ashington	Ens. Bradshaw	Softley
Bedlington	Ens. Martin	—
Blyth	Ens. Winfield	—
Choppington	—	Harlow (in ch.)
Choppell	Ens. Russell	Smith
Cullercoates	Ens. Heap	Briggs
Felling	Ens. Rowley	—
Gateshead I.	Ens. Sergeant	Robertson
Hexham	Ens. Bitchenort	—
Howden	Ens. Winter	Edson
Jarrow	Ens. Adj. Edwards	—
Morpeth	Ens. Mayor	—
Newburn	Ens. Thorpe	—
Newcastle II.	Ens. Medhurst	—
Penshaw	—	Knaggs (in ch.)
N. Shields	Ens. McNeill	Emite
S. Shields II.	Ens. Fuller	White
Sleetburn	Ens. Shaw	Reddiford
Washington	Ens. Merick	—
Se't'n De'v'l.	Ens. Cleghorn	McGowan
Blaydon	Ens. Adj. Garwood	—
H'ght'n' I.	Ens. Sp'ng. Hobson	Murphy
Newbiggen	—	Tarr
S. Shields III.	—	Vernum

Glasgow Division

Paisley I.	Ens. Adj. Fewster	—
Parkhead	Ens. Morgan	—
Beith	Ens. Coonan	Brooks
Marshall	Ens. Warrington	—
Grangoch	Ens. Mahaffy	—
Anderston	—	McKnight
Barhead	Ens. Paul	—
Baillieston	Ens. Ebb	Moore
Bridgeton	Ens. Noble	—
Burnbank	Ens. Adj. Hanson	Brownlie
Cambuslang	Ens. Stephenson	—
C'mpb'lt'w.	—	Gold
Cambridge	Ens. Tonend	James
Clydebank	Ens. Hall	—
Dalmarnock	Ens. Carent	—
Dairy	Ens. Adams	—

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.	Corps	C.O.	Lieut.	Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Dumfriesshire	Simmons	Gale	Stenhousemuir	Ens. Calvert	—	Belfast VIII	McFayden	—
Dumfries	Early	—	Stirling	Broom	Simpson	Cookstown	Taylor	—
Dunbarton	Kidd	Scotland	Tranent	Hooton	—	Armagh	Lupton	O'Neil
Dunoon	—	Stewart	Berwick	—	Wilson	Ballynafegh	Jarrett	Cameron
Girvan	Talbot	Bell	Fauldhouse	—	Clare	Bangor	Gifford	Macshall
Gourock	Campbell	Smith				Belfast II	Phillips	Freeman
Gorbals	Ens. Fleming	—				IV	—	Pearson (in ch.)
Govanhill	Earl	Sowden				X	Ryland	Craicford
Hamilton	—	Jones				XI	Roberts	Hebden
Hillhead	Eccles	—				Coleraine	Curtis	Turney
Holytown	Kay	—				Connswater	Knights	Taylor
Irvine	Schmidt	—				Donaghadee	Allen	Ogg
Kilbirnie	Avis	—				Dublin I	Ferry	—
Kilwinning	Wukin	Johnson				III	Watson	Pollard
Kilm'rn'ck II	Carr	Newton				Lisburn	Bland	Parry
Kilsyth	Ens. McCall	Winnall				Lond'nd'ry	Ens. Edwards	—
Kirkint'Pek	Wood	Wilkinson				Newtownards	Cuback	Capt. Tribe
New Mains	Purvis	—				Ligoniel	—	French
New Mills	Wright	Wilson						Hodge
New City Rd.	Thompson	Michie						
P't Glasgow	Ens. Young	Rhodes						
Rothessay	Mitchell	—						
Shettleston	Roddie	—						
Stonehouse	White	Page						
Stranraer	Gamble	—						
Uddingstone	Bristowe	—						
Muirkirk	Fraser	Robson						

North Scotland Division		
Dundee II	Ens. Brankin	—
—	Ens. Deacon	—
Aberdeen IV	Mobbs	Bus tholomew
Crief	Christie	Webster
Aberdeen II	Taylor	—
Arbroath	McKeown	Kidman
Banff	—	Dempsey (in ch.)
Brechin	—	Pinchbeck (in ch.)
Buckle	Gardener	Souter
Dundee III	Ens. Gibbon	—
—	Waterman	Devitt
Elgin	Everson	Rushworth
Findochty	Davies	Johnston
Forfar	Ens. Murray	Dean
Forres	Gubey	Wilson
Fraserburgh	Phimister	Armstrong
Huntley	Cockrane	Hindley
Inverness	Ens. Eccles	—
Lerwick	Burr	Wood
Lochee	—	Onyon (in ch.)
Peterhead	Condle	—
St. Monance	Blair	—
Wick	Friend	Broom
St. Andrews	Alexander	Bland
Thurso	Robinson	Anderson
Montrose	Batley	—

Ireland Division		
Belfast I	Adj. Ebbs	—
Portadown	Ens. Harrison	—
B'lym'ca'rr'rt II	Adj. Dicks	—

Edinburgh Division		
Edinburgh I	Adj. Ware	—
Kirkcaldy II	Wares	—
Alva	McKernan	Tipper
Buckhaven	Davies	Stewart
D'nferrilme	Adj. Nelson	—
Earlston	Tilbury	Kimberley
Edinburgh V	Stevenson	Duff
Galashiels	Ens. Waggett	Quiney
Grangemuth	—	Wilson
Kelso	Bolton	Somerville
Maddiston	Gilford	Hazelwood
Peebles	—	Hopper

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in most of the towns and all the cities; but the prices are much higher than in England, so that one has to exercise economy in respect of luxuries. There is, however, a very fair supply of various kinds of fruit at reasonable rates.

Clothing

For the first ten years we all wore Japanese clothes, and this helped us a great deal in getting at home amongst the people. Japan, however, has changed so considerably that this is no longer necessary, and for the past three or four years the men-Officers have worn Western uniform, to keep pace with the general tendency of the people. The Japanese women-Officers still wear the very pretty Japanese dress, and, although I suppose that this too must go in course of time, I for one will be sorry to see

it given up for the ordinary Western women's dress.

Seeing that Western clothes are now worn, Officers going to Japan will do well to take a good supply of all kinds of uniform, as there is a heavy duty on cloth, and the Japanese blue dyes do not wear well. A good supply of summer and winter underclothing should also be taken; and it should be borne in mind that while the English ordinary-weight under and outer garments are all right for winter wear, you need quite a separate set of under and outer garments, of much lighter weight, for the summer.

A thin waterproof overcoat for summer wear is also most useful. Children's garments cannot be obtained ready made in Japan, so that a good supply of these is necessary, and also a supply of material, so that the mother can make up fresh garments herself; otherwise these come rather expensive.

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OPEN DOORS

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THERE are few Officers, I suppose, who have not, at one time or another, taken in a Salvation Meeting the subject of the Saviour knocking at the fast-closed door of a sinner's heart. And we have quoted the Saviour's words, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock,' as we pressed home the lesson to our listeners.

The Door of the Heart

But I have been thinking lately that these words, though so suited to sinners, were, in the first place, spoken to a church or a gathering of professed followers of the Saviour, and it seems to me that if we are to live the life of victory and power which He intends for us, we shall need constantly, many times a day, deliberately to open our heart's door to the Saviour. We make a great mistake if we think that to admit Him once is enough. Those lines are true:—

Lord, mend or rather make us; one creation
Will not suffice our turn;
Except Thou make us daily we shall spurn
Our own Salvation.

He often knocks at our heart's door, as we see in the preceding verse, to

rebuke us. And we are not always willing to open. But I suppose that never has He been obliged to 'let us down' publicly, before all the world, without our knowing in our own souls that He wanted to do with us as He tells us to do with our brother, that is to deal with the mistake and put it right, He and we alone together.

When we live with our heart ever on the latch, and ready to open at His slightest knock, He comes in to 'sup with us.' How well we know it! He shares whatever is in the cupboard, however poor and stale the store. If it is only like the piece of dry fish and the honey-comb it becomes blessed—because He breaks it with us.

Then, later on, He asks us to eat with Him, and He provides the supper; 'and he with Me,' He says.

We know this experience, do we not? Often He gives us the bitter herbs of trial, and vinegar from His own cup, but we dare not refuse, nor hold back. 'Ye shall indeed drink of My cup,' He says to each one of us, and only He and our hearts know just what that cup contains.