

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

'One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.'—John ix. 25.

An oculist, who had little capital and few friends, made his way by getting hold of a man in the street who was almost blind. He took him to his surgery, and by means of an operation restored his sight.

'But I haven't a penny in the world,' declared the astonished and grateful patient.

'You can pay me, nevertheless,' said the oculist, 'by telling everybody you see that you once were practically blind and who it was that healed you.'

It is the most we can do to increase the Kingdom of Christ to tell how He opened our eyes and won our hearts.

EMPIRE BUILDING

'When I was in South Africa,' remarked the Rev. F. B. Meyer, recently, 'people kept telling me Mr. Rhodes was the Empire builder. Well, you may speak of Mr. Rhodes as an "empire surveyor," or "empire architect," but when you come to building you need to have bricks and stones to build with.'

Mr. Meyer went on to suggest that the real empire builders were the Booths and Barnardos who promoted Emigration under Christian auspices.

Mr. Meyer was perhaps unaware that Cecil Rhodes once said almost exactly the same thing. In a conversation with Mr. Bramwell Booth he remarked, 'I am trying to build up new countries; you and your father are trying to build up the new men, and you and your father have chosen the better part.'

ALWAYS CLIMBING

'Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?'—Psalm xxiv. 3.

In a quiet little nook in the Swiss mountains, overlooked by the silent, majestic mountains, there is the lonely grave of a guide who perished in his perilous calling. On his grave is this

brief but expressive inscription: 'He died climbing.' It will be a grand thing if this can be said of our personal experience. No matter how slight the progress made, it cannot be ill with us if our face is toward the heights and we continue climbing.

FOR SERVICE OR SACRIFICE

'Stand we in jeopardy every hour. . . I protest . . . I die daily.'—1 Corinthians xv. 30, 31.

On an ancient Roman coin there was the figure of an ox standing between an altar and a plough. Underneath were the words, 'Ready for either.' That must be the spirit of true religion, and especially of the true patriot—ready for service or sacrifice.

Two of the most celebrated reformers chose mottoes for their crests which couched in the same spirit. Calvin's crest was a bleeding heart with the words 'I give myself for Thee' underneath. Melancthon's crest was a lighted candle with the legend, *Alis serviendo consumor*—'In ministering to others I sacrifice myself.'

TATTOOED ON THE HEART

'Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ . . . written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.'—2 Corinthians iii. 3.

A Missionary in the South Seas tells us he heard the following prayer repeated by an islander at the close of a service:—

'Grant, Lord, that the good words which we have listened to be not like the Sunday clothes which we lay aside speedily and put away until the Lord's Day comes again. But let these truths be like the tattoo-marks upon our bodies, which cannot be removed when we are alive.' These were indeed 'written on fleshy tables.'

WHY SHE CARED FOR THEM

The eldest son of a family came from Cambridge for his vacation full of in-

terest in the little telegraph boys. He at once got up a tea for them, amid great interest and offers of help from the members of his family.

The youngest child, a girl of ten, immediately began to look upon the ordinary little telegraph boy as an object of immense importance. Often when passing one in the street she would whisper excitedly to the mother, 'There's another "T.M."'

She was asked one day why she had suddenly taken such an interest in these boys, who up till then had only been the messengers who had brought the telegrams.

'Why, you see,' she replied, 'my eldest brother is looking after them!'

It is surely not difficult to apply the lesson. Is Jesus Christ our Elder Brother and are His interests ours?

KEEP IN THE SUNLIGHT

'Keep yourselves in the love of God.'—1 John 21.

Workmen had been repairing a conservatory. The flower-pots had been moved here and there by strangers' hands, and when the nurseryman came he found one of his prize plants drooping in a dark, draughty corner. He examined it, and found an army of small insects—parasites—busily de-

vouring its tender life. The plant had been out of its usual sunny spot for a very short time, but in that time its enemies—who are strong in the dark—had almost taken its life.

Gently he picked it up and put it back where the sunlight fell in a generous flood. Then, taking up a magnifying-glass, he asked us to look through it at the parasites. In a few minutes they began to grow dull and lazy, and presently they were dying. But the flower was as quickly finding revival in the sunlight.

'It must be kept in the sunlight,' said the old nurseryman, 'if it is to live.'

So must we be kept in the sunlight, if we are to do well. 'Keep yourselves in the love of God'—that is the sunlight we need, if our foes are to be defeated; for God means more to the human soul than the sun means to this flower.

This reminds us that a visitor was walking with the poet Lord Tennyson in the grounds of his beautiful home on one occasion, and, discussing religion, among other things remarked on the difficulty of defining God. 'What is God to you?' asked the visitor of Tennyson. 'What the sun is to those flowers,' he answered, standing still for a moment—'my life.'

Field Changes—June to September

North London Division		West London Division		Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Corps	C.O.	Corps	C.O.	Wimbish	—	Duffield
Regulate	Adj. Watts	Hounslow	Ens. Ponting Day	Colchester	Richards	—
Regt	Stratford Schmidt	Henley	Lt. Cullingworth (in ch.)	Leiston	—	Pritchard
Regt	Cheeseman	Kingston-on-T.	Adj. Singer	Wyvenhoe	Turner	—
Regt	Rickman					
Regt	Leather Falla					
Regt	Ens. Lawrence Sinton					
Regt	Armitage					
Regt	Adj. Davies Ens. Hughes					
Regt	Girt					
Regt	Dare					

Eastern Division		Norwich Division		Kent and Sussex Division	
Barrow	Hincks	Attleboro	—	Eastbourne	Adj Wright
Iswich	Adj. Davey	Norwich III	—	Margate	Staff-Capt. Fletcher
Thetford	Poiden Hunter			Hastings	I. Gaunt

Southampton Division
Corps C.O. Lieut.
Brookhurst... — Gentry
Salisbury ..Adj. Guyon Costen
Wimborne .. — Piper
Fordingbridge Lieut. Hall (in ch.)
St. Hellens I Ens. Mason†

South-West Division
Bideford ..Ens. Williams†
Kingsbridge .. — Simpson
Fenryn .. — Jaeger
St. Austell .. — Sach
Exeter II ..Lieut. Hogarth (in ch.)
Newlyn ..Packham McFarling
Pensilva .. — Curtis
St. Ives ..Adj. Gimblett James

Bristol Division
Avonmouth. — Brett
Crewkerne ..Stanford†
Fishponds ..Adj. Frances Brown
Ramsbury .. — Capt. Harley
Weston-S-Mare .. — Price
Bridgewater.. — Maslin
Devizes ..Noon
Hotwells ..Kelly Capt. Brett
Staple Hill.. — Capt. Menses

Swansea Division
Aberdare ..Adj. Clements†
Aberavon ..Adj. Walsh Capt. Evans
Aberystwith Finch†
Blaengarw ..Ens. Scutt†
Carmarthen ..Service Atwell
Haverfwest Bandy Jenkins
Merthyr ..Ens. Hodder†
Pembroke ..Elbridge Hart
Resolven ..Herbert Bishop
Aberystwith ..Moorhead Eken
Aberaman ..Piggott Pearce
Bridgford ..Williams Williams
Caerau ..Jackson†
Gorseinon .. — Green
Milford ..Ridley Taylor
Maesteg ..Adj. Dicks†
Pembroke D. Ashford Challoner
Swansea II.. Eccleshall Tester

South & Mid Wales Division
Abergavenny Swallow —
Brynmaur ..Adj. Collins Weatherald
Cardiff III ..Adj. Collier†
Clydach Vale Yates Claydon
Maerdy ..Ens. Mercer†
Rhymer .. — Warner
Abercarn ..Rolls†
Cwmbran ..Adj. Prime —
Cardiff IV ..Ens. Harding†
Ferndale ..Davies —
Pontypool ..Morris Eken
Tir Phil ..Ens. Green —
Troedegar ..Adj. Fred Bax —
Troedryhew Ens. Neville Biddock
Ynysybwl ..Collins —
Treherbert ..Adj. Wall Osmond

South Scotland Division
Burnbank ..Ens. Scorse Millar
Stonehouse ..Adj. Hanson Noble
Kilwinning..Ens. Toby Roberts

Glasgow Division
Anderston (Visitation Officers)
Ens. Emma Russell Lieut. Mary Cole
Kilsyth .. — Capt. Watson

Edinburgh Division
Corps C.O. Lieut.
Alva .. — Godden
Edinburgh III Ens. Rawson†
Kirkcaldy I..Adj. Gumbleton†
Lochgelly ..Webster Skipton
Peebles ..Nellyer —
Stirling .. — Rendall
Dennyloanhead Lieut. Hazelwood

Fauldhouse..Lieut. Barnett (in ch.)
Lanark .. — Raine
Leith.. ..Adj. Coult†
Grangemouth .. — Ballantyre

North Scotland Division
Aberdeen I.. — Capt. Bloor
Cupar ..Newey —
Findochty ..Ballinghail Surtees
Fraserburgh Clee —
Broughty Fy ..Lockwood
Dundee I ..Ens. Wise†
Forfar ..Cutter —
Huntly .. — Ackerley
Inverness ..Hancock†
Lochee ..Gleed (in ch.)
Lerwick .. — Macsween
Peterhead ..Adj. Howlett†

Northampton Division
Ablington ..Adj. Cooper Ward
Cambridge ..Adj. Hitchcock†
Kettering ..Adj. Andrews†
Raunds ..Pike Barnett
Whittlesea ..Adj. Fox Burdett
Brigstock ..Nicol Stewart
Ennet .. — Thomas
Kempston .. — Briggs
St. Neots ..Ens. Wintour Radcliffe

Birmingham Division
Birmingham II Adj. Davies Capt. Wood
Brierley Hill McLean†
Bromsgrove.. — Burton
Clee Hill ..King Collier
Droitwich .. — Wood
Evesham ..Adj. Baker†
HayEns. Dalziel†
Kidderminster Adj. Corslet
Mkt. Drayton Adj. Bloomfield
Newcastle-u-L. Adj. Hall† (Capt. Morton)
Oldbury ..Stone†
Wolverh'pton .. — Jemmett
Wellington..Ens. Roe Rogers
Birmingham V Brooks North
Bloxwich ..Nuttall Whitehead
Burslem ..Ens. Warnock Carroll
Canoeck ..Phillips Higginbotham
Crabbs Cross Ens. Webber Stewart
Erdington ..Ens. Rendle Wise
Gloucester II Ens. Land —
Ironbridge .. — Pilgrim
Ludlow ..Morrow —
Oakengates.. — Dyson
Stratford-on-A. Smith Dodd
Worcester .. — Cpt. Houghton

Notts and Derby Division
Arnold ..Wright —
Clay Cross .. — Thomas
Mansfield W. Hawkins Lankstead
Newark ..Ens. Deacon —
Old Basford.. — Winfield
Leicester II..Wilby†
Melton M'by Ens. Collins Stenner

Manchester Division
Corps C.O. Lieut.
Atherton ..Adj. Brown Gibson
Manchester II Adj. Hinks
Middleton J. Ens. Field Packard
Congleton ..Lewis Hoagish
Heywood .. — Gray

Liverpool Division
Bagillt ..Underwood Forrest
Conah's Quay Cape Capt. Jacks
Lamberh'd Gn. — Martin
Liv'pool VIII Adj. Rund†
Ramsey ..Gardiner Gibson
Widnes ..Robinson
Colwyn Bay..Ens. Bennett Brown
Douglas ..Adj. Tompkins†
Liv'pool XI..Ens. Keast Mabb
Northwich ..Adj. Harris
Southport ..Adj. Porter†

North-West Division
Blackburn III Rowlatt (in ch.)
Brierfield .. — Ridge
Ulverston ..Bedford Woodard
Blackpool .. — Capt. Stacey
Morecombe.. — Capt. Thurston

South Yorks. Division
Cudworth .. — Howell
Swallow Nest .. — White
South Emsall Stagnell Pickering
Outwood .. — Alderson
Sheffield IV..Ens. Hone Nightingall

Hull Division
Hull VII ..Churchman —
Selby.. ..East Leach

Central Yorks. Division
Leeds V .. — Liddis
Shipley ..Adj. Walker†
Leeds II ..Adj. Gill†
Wyke ..Ens. Greasley Morgan

Tees Division
Annfield Plain Adj. Curtis May
Boyne ..Ferguson Tufin
Eston ..Ens. Frazier†
Horden .. — Livingstone
Redcar ..Poster Anderson
Spennymoor I Staff-Capt. Shaw†
II Slater Eartha
Consett ..Adj. Avery†
Deanbank ..Ens. Watkins†
Guisboro. ..Deiderfeld Farmer
Langley Park Ens. Smith Griffin
Rainton ..Gray McKenna
South Bank.. — McKenna
Skingrove Russell Lambach
Shildon ..Ens. Rogers†
Tow Law ..Adj. Fleming†
West Felton..Coge Taylor
Shotton ..Skinner Holland
Ushaw Moor Carter
W. Cornforth Moore Rhodes

Northern Division
Alnwick ..Green Spence
Sunderland VII Cooper Jeffries
South Shields Cliff†

Ireland Division
Ballynafegh .. — O'Neill
Donaghadee Davies
Larne ..Collard Macshane
Waterford ..Shao Pollock
Ballymoney Kenny Macdonald
Dublin III ..Allen
Newtownards Thompson Parker

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IN THE END

'What will ye do in the end?'—Jer. v. 31.

BY AN OLD OFFICER

This is a very interesting inquiry. It is often addressed to sinners. I remember hearing a very good Salvation sermon in the days gone by with this question as its leading purpose, and the recent passing away of our first dear General, with the many striking events connected with the end of his life and work, has suggested various inquiries in my own mind of a like nature. And now, here is the end of the year upon us, with all the solemn thoughts and important reflections which belong not only to the end of another period of our lives, but to the conclusion of a very important period in the history of The Army.

Every Officer's life will end—that is a very obvious thing to say. What shall we do when that end comes? What shall we do?

1. *Well, for one thing—in the End we shall wish we had done more.* That is very certain. As it is now, when we look back upon our best performances, conscious that in this or that set of circumstances we did all we could, we often feel very sincere re-

gret that we could not do more. This will be so in the End. There will be then nothing grudging about our estimate of the claims God had upon us. Nothing will then be able to make us mourn that we did or endured or suffered so much in the highest interests of the world.

2. *In the End we shall be glad about what we did.* Much of the work we do is done under pressure—some of it with a heavy heart, some, I am afraid, without any particular joy, but from a sense of duty, or a feeling of loyalty, or a habit of obedience to orders. But for this, many useful things we do would probably not be done at all. More than this, no doubt many duties are performed with positive reluctance, if not with sighs, and tears, and protestations. In the End all that will have disappeared, and we shall be glad about every blow we struck for God, about every cross we carried, about every wound our hearts have received. Heaven itself is a gladness, and one of the sweetest ingredients in the fountains of its joy will be this sense of pleasure in what