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THE GRACIOUS INVITATION.

"Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor and Are Heaven Laden and I Will Give You Rest."—Matt. 11:28.

INTRODUCTION—Philip Brooks, the great American preacher, said that these words are the "pearl of the utterances of the Master."

"Certainly they take high rank among the wonderful sayings of Him who spake as never man did. They are among the most familiar of the words of the Christ, and are very beautiful and highly significant."

FIRST—The invitation "Come unto me." The Book contains many of these gracious invitations. In the ancient prophecy of Isaiah we find God inviting men to come in such words as these: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

And again in the same prophecy, we read, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

In the closing chapter of Revelation, there is given a final invitation before the record of the Book is closed. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."

Christ says, "Come unto me." Our Lord invites men not to any particular creed or church, but to Him. He is the way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father save by Him. Principal Forsythe declares that when we come to Christ, we come into Christ, into the richness and fullness of His love, into vital union and fellowship with our Lord.

SECOND—The invitation is not only gracious and personal, but is universal. "All ye that labor and are heavy laden," includes both saint and sinner. The redeemed of the Lord are invited to roll their burdens on the Master. They are invited to come to Him with all their heart aches, their sufferings, their sorrows. "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." The sinner, too, is invited to come. It is a universal invitation—all. God's grace is limitless and the provisions of salvation are

SUNSHINE OF THE BIBLE

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Psalms, Lxxiv, 2.

The sunshine of the Bible—there is no light so fair, There is no light that leads the world so far from trial and care; There is no light forever can bring to hearts that bleed Such comfort and such sunshine in the dark hour of their need:

The sunshine of the Bible,
Through dusk, and night and dew,
The old light and the gold light,
The deathless light and true!

The soldier from the conflict, with his wounded heart and mind,
A strength for life renewing in its lovely light doth find;
The toiler at the spindles and the mill-wheels looks, and lo,
The sunshine of the Bible is the light that helps him go:

The sunshine of the Bible,
The sweet lights and the blest;
Down in dark hearts of trouble
Its soft rays lead to rest!

In field or mighty mountain, wherever grief may be,
In temples of the roaring maris or on the great high sea,
With soft, sweet flooding beauty it comes on glorious wing,
And, lo, the sudden winter turns back to softest spring:

The sunshine of the Bible,
In care, in toil, in strife,
The dear light and the clear light
That leads to endless life!

Where tempests rage and thunder leaps down the awful sky,
The sunshine of the Bible bids the glittering lightning fly.
In youth, in age, in battle; in peace, in stress, in trial,
It brings all souls its comforts and it lights all lips with smile:

The sunshine of the Bible,
Oh, where it falls, or when,
The dark dreams of the ages
Fade and leave us once more men!

PATIENT WITH MOTHER

Oh, maybe she seems to grow queer as the days
Go gliding away into years;
And maybe you tire of her strange little ways,
And don't understand her tears,
And maybe the things that are down in her heart
Are things that you know nothing of—
Old mother, still striving to keep up her part,
To tireless and tender her love!

A little more patient with her till the end,
More thoughtful, and careful, and sweet,
She's been such a comrade and teacher and friend,
In the storm and the strife and the heat,
And maybe the things that she thinks of today
Are far from your knowledge, your ken—
Old mother, grown feeble and palsied and gray,
But when has she failed you, say when?

A little more willing to bear with her whims,
To cheer her and love her along,
Ah, many a vision in front of her swims,
And the echo of many a song,
And maybe she dwells in a world far apart
From your petty and trivial things—
Old mother, with something still left in her heart
That looks out of the window and sings!

for all who through repentance and faith turn to Christ.

THIRD—To those who accept the invitation and come to Him, Jesus Christ offers rest of soul and heart as a free gift. He who makes this wondrous offer has the power to fulfill it. Jesus said, "I and my father are one." He also declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." The pronoun I in the original is emphatic, it is to call attention to the fact that Jesus wished men to understand that what the religious leaders of the day, the Scribes and Pharisees could not and did not do, he could and would do. "I will give you rest." He offers this priceless boon as a gift, without money and without price. "But the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." And rest of soul is what this old, war-torn, sorrow-swept world most needs. Christ will give us the rest that remaineth for the people of God wherever we may be in life. He will give it to men in the mad struggle of business. He will give it to them in the sick room. The peace He bestows is such that the world cannot take away. Reader, have you found this rest that Jesus promises?

CONCLUSION.—Ringing down through the ages comes these tender words of our Lord. Amid the crash of empires, they strike upon our ears like bells at evening pealing. Men are offering all kinds of panaceas for the ills that afflict the body politic. Schemes and plans of various kinds are being exploited and advertised. But what a weary world most needs is that which Jesus here offers. And there is only one way to find this. No man-made precept will suffice. He who swung empires off their hinges and changed the course of history. He, and He alone, can heal the wounds of the race. "And if, if he be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

PRETTY LEGEND OF GARNETS.

Apache Indians Believe Spirit of Chief's Daughter Imparts Talismanic Power to Stones.

There is a garnet mine in Arizona so rich in gems that the owners sometimes say the whole mountain in which it is located is a mountain of garnets. The Apache Indians, near whose reservation the mountain stands, have a strange myth concerning the garnets. One night centuries ago, they say, the little daughter of a great chief died. As her spirit passed out, the Indians gathered about saw a multitude of sparks fly up from the tepee and drifting through the air in a shining cloud settle on the mountain side, where they shone like star dust, making the mountain bright. Later, they declare, the sparks which continued to shine, never growing cold or dead, sank into the earth and became garnets.

The Indians believe that the spirit of the chief's daughter still stands guard over the mountain and imparts to all the garnets found there talismanic powers to bring good luck to all who wear them. These garnets are mined and sold all over the country in rings, necklaces and bracelets for pale-face maids. Many of the garnet rings are made in swastika design—the Indian good-luck sign—and any who happened to buy one may be sure of prosperous fortune ever afterward.

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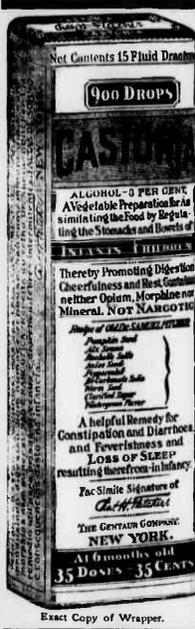
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