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#### TESTED AND TRIED.

A blacksmith, some eight years after he had given his heart to God, was approached by an intelligent unbeliever with the question:

"Why is it you have so much trouble? I have been watching you. Since you joined the church and began to 'walk square,' and seem to love everybody, you have had twice as many trials and accidents as you had before. I thought that when a man gave himself to God, his troubles were over. Isn't that what the parsons tell us?"

With a thoughtful but glowing face the blacksmith replied:

"Do you see this piece of iron? It is for the springs of a carriage. I have been 'tempering' it for some time. To do this I heat it red hot and then plunge it in a tub of ice cold water. This I do many times. If I find it is taking 'temper,' I heat and hammer it unmercifully. In getting the right piece of iron I found several that were too brittle to take temper. They cracked the first blow I struck. So I threw them in the scrap pile. Those scraps are worth about a cent a pound. This carriage spring is very valuable.

"God saves us for something more than to have a good time. He wants us for service, just as I want this piece of iron. And He has to put the 'temper' of Christ in us by testing us with trials. Ever since I saw this truth I have been saying to Him: 'Test me in anyway You choose, Lord, only don't throw me in the scrap pile.'"—Sel.

#### MODEST HEROISM.

Israel Greenburg, seven years old, was playing on the string-piece of Pier 21, East River, New York, when he tripped and fell into the water. A woman who saw him fall ran for help, and the first person she met was a neatly dressed man who had come off one of the New Haven boats. The man dropped his valise, ran to the spot and dived into the water. He swam to the boy, and grabbing him, managed to get him aboard a sand barge. Patrolman Myers found the man and the boy on the barge, and asked the man his name. "You don't want my name," said the man. "That isn't necessary. Just show me a place where I can change my clothes. That is all I want." The policeman called an ambulance, and the boy was removed to the Hudson

Street Hospital. Then Myers led the rescuer to a seaman's lodging house. He took a suit out of his valise and put his wet suit into the valise, and went on his journey. Every effort was made at the lodging house to have the man reveal his identity, but he said: "I only did my duty; only a little thing unworthy of any notice in the papers or public praise." It was a beautiful, heroic thing to save a life as he did, but a doubly beautiful thing to be so modest and humble about it. Human nature is such that praise is sought for the most commonplace acts, and in those of heroism there may be a just pride. The modest, manly man did not get his name in the papers nor apply for a medal as would have been the natural or proper desire, but he knows himself, and God knows him. The modest Christ taught in acts of charity the man illustrated in his heroic act.—*Christian Herald*.

#### THE FRUIT OF FIDELITY.

A Bible Society agent in Korea tells the story of a young man named Chun, the first in his village to accept the "Jesus Doctrine," and whose faithful testimony was blessed to his father, who died in the faith of Christ. Thereupon the storm burst upon the young man, because he refused to allow his parent to be buried according to heathen rites. "With the help of the colporteur and some Christians from another place, he carried his aged father's body away for reverent Christian burial. 'My father,' he said, 'shall not be buried as if he were dead forever, but as one who believed in everlasting life.' His relatives now turned him out of the village, and he suffered the loss of home, fields, and livelihood. Still he remained faithful to Christ. Finally, the time came when, by his loving influence, he won sixty of his relatives to join the Christian Church. A year ago he experienced the joy of seeing the last home in his village turn Christian."

#### AN EXPERIMENT.

They were talking of the spiritual life, and James, who is a collegian, said: "I am a believer, but not a Christian; and I begin to fear that I never shall be one. I attend the church and prayermeeting regularly, as I was brought up to do; but as for conviction or conversion or any

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spiritual light, I have had no experience."

"Do you desire to be a Christian, James?" asked his Aunt Hannah.

"I do not object. Indeed, until quite recently I have been receptive and expected my heart to be touched. Lately I am beginning to suspect that with every one it is a matter of imagination."

"Doubtless you are very methodical in the use of time," said Aunt Hannah with seeming irrelevance.

"From necessity, for I can learn only by close application."

"Can you not find half an hour in the morning for Bible reading, meditation, and prayer?"

"O, yes, I could manage it."

"Very well, then. Be as honest in your use of this half hour as in that of any other throughout the day. Begin with the Gospel of Matthew, meditate upon it honestly, pray reverently. Do not think about your feelings; just make that one of your faithfully followed pursuits."

"For how long?"

"As long as you live."

The young man made a wry face.

"Is the prospect so unpleasant? Try it for a month, then we shall talk it over again. Meantime do not make a confidant of any one."

Aunt Hannah did not fail to note that James was a trifle more quiet and

thoughtful than usual. He attended all the church services, and, she fancied, joined in the singing with unusual fervor. One evening he seemed to surprise himself by repeating: "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

A few evenings later he joined the prayer circle, always sat nearest the leader, and, kneeling with the others, prayed simply and fervently that he might be led aright.

A few evening later in the testimony meeting James arose and said: "I have been trying an experiment for some time now. Every morning I have given my first half hour to devotion. For a few days I simply gained some knowledge of the Bible and committed a few texts to memory; but soon I knelt to pray.

#### JUST THE IRISH OF IT.

Pat and Mike were obliged to halt their heavily loaded cart to make way for a funeral. Gazing at the procession Pat suddenly remarked: "Mike, I wish I knew where I was going to die. I'd give a thousand dollars to know the place where I'm going to die."

"Well, Pat, what good would it do if yez knew?"

"Lots," said Pat. "Sure I'd niver go near that place, at all, at all."

Pay as you go. If you can't pay, don't go.