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#### PETER AND CORNELIUS.

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When that centurion of the proud  
Cornelian gens received his latest mili-  
tary assignment, he may have com-  
miserated the ill-luck that cast his lot  
among the offensive and turbulent  
Jews. How little could he discern in  
the kindly leading of Providence! Military  
service among the Judean  
hills was God's way for him into the  
kingdom. His faith in Roman my-  
thology, already shaken, grasps most  
gratefully Hebrew monotheism, and is  
still further prepared to receive the  
doctrine of the cross.

The humility and moral earnestness  
of this imperial captain is put to the  
severest test imaginable. He is asked  
to send for a Galilean peasant amid the  
disgusting sights and evil odors of a  
tanner's house, and from such an un-  
canny source obtain instruction con-  
cerning his supreme interests. The  
seeker shows his downright sincer-  
ity by not caviling or delaying. Scarcely  
is the angel gone before his trusty  
servants are on their way to Joppa.

The Galilean stood in as imperative  
need of preparation for his share in  
the transaction as the Roman. Racial  
and religious prejudices the most in-  
veterate were to be overcome. Peter  
proved as humble and morally earnest  
as Cornelius, and was soon on his way  
to Caesarea, alert for the faintest hint  
of the Divine will.

Cornelius was not plying his investi-  
gations in either Hebrewism or Chris-  
tianity clandestinely or selfishly.  
When he had obtained a sure foot-  
ing upon some new height, he was not  
content until he had drawn as many  
of his friends and kinsmen as possible

up to his own altitude. He has a  
house full of them now. They are  
sitting in subdued expectancy, waiting  
the rising of the Sun of righteousness  
upon their hearts. Cornelius describes  
their state of mind when he says:  
"Now, therefore, are we all here pre-  
sent before God to hear all things that  
are commanded thee of God;" a  
beautiful description of entire pre-  
paredness to receive the expected  
Divine teaching. Some one says it  
is "a sentence worthy of being written  
over every pulpit in Christendom."  
Would it describe or condemn the  
average congregation of to-day?

Peter, in his exordium, confesses his  
late perception of what was always  
true, that a God who is Justice's very  
self can not be swayed by the mere  
accidents of birth and environment,  
but only in response to personal quali-  
ties of heart will bestow his favor.  
He rehearses the facts of gospel his-  
tory, with which his auditors must  
probably be somewhat acquainted. It  
is likely we have here but the faintest  
outline of a sermon that may have  
consumed considerable time in its de-  
livery. As Peter, at length, reached  
the very core of the gospel, the forgive-  
ness of sins through the ineffable  
Name, their hearts, all tender and  
trustful, receive at once both gift and  
Giver. Instantly there is a sound  
which Peter could not fail to recognize.  
The radiant Shekinah is there. It  
separates into tongues, one of which  
rests upon each Gentile. "The Pente-  
cost of the Gentiles" is come.

The old proverb, "What God does,  
is well done," never had a better em-  
plification than in the manner Pro-  
vidence took to rid the Church of its  
prejudice, break down "the middle wall  
of partition," and prepare for the un-  
restricted admission of the Gentile.

Paul was no favorite of the Jewish-  
Christian faction. They suspected,  
distrusted him. Had he been forward at  
this time in this matter, rupture and  
schism would have been inevitable.  
Paul afterward conserved, by his ap-  
peal to the Council at Jerusalem and  
the invincible logic of his epistles, the  
ruins of a Providential intervention.

### Secret of a Long Life.

Pittsburg Dispatch.  
You sometimes see a woman whose  
old age is as exquisite as was the per-  
fect bloom of her youth. You wonder  
how this has come about. You wonder  
how it is that her life has been a  
long happy one. Here are some of the  
reasons:  
She knew how to forget disagreeable  
things.  
She kept her nerves well in hand,  
and inflicted them on no one.  
She mastered the art of saying pleas-  
ant things.  
She did not expect too much from  
her friends.  
She made whatever work that came  
to her congenial.  
She retained her illusions, and did  
not believe all the world wicked and  
unkind.  
She relieved the miserable and sym-  
pathized with the sorrowful.  
She never forgot that kind words  
and a smile cost nothing, but are price-  
less treasures to the discouraged.  
She did unto others as she would be  
done by, and now that old age has  
come to her, and there is a halo of  
white hair about her head, she is loved  
and considered. This is the secret of  
long life and a happy one.

### Is it "Named For" or "Named After"?

April Ladies' Home Journal.  
Should I say that my son is "named  
for" his grandfather or that he is  
"named after" him?  
You may say either, but the weight  
of good usage is with "named after."  
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United States, but is no longer current  
in England; "named after" is in good  
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