

Illustration. January 24, 1939. On the program of "We the people". A young boy told the story of how his father saved him. They were out fishing in Virginia(?) the father with a cast on his leg. As they fished, the boy's line became fouled, and he said, I think I will go out and get the line. He managed to swim to the stake where it was, and was almost overcome with the cold. His father encouraged him to hang on, but the boy started to swim back. On the way back he began to go down and his father jumped in to try and save him. They swam together for a while, and could not make it. The next thing the boy came to, lying on the shore, with his father lying beside him. He had submerged himself, with his feet on the bottom to hold the boy up, and was drowned. The boy ended. "I can't tell you how I feel about my father, who gave his life for me. And I want to live so that he will be proud of me.

ATOMS. Are inconceivably small. There are ten quintillion atoms or so in the head of an ordinary pin, yet each is an intricate, lively mechanism, a sort of miniature solar system, with a hard heavy body, the nucleus, corresponding to the sun, and whirling notes of electrical force the electrons corresponding to planets.

TELESCOPES. The largest in the world. It is twice the size of the next largest, a 100 inch instrument at Mt Wilson, and will weigh 8 times as much. It will be installed on Mt Palomar 6000 feet high, and 90 miles from Los Angeles. This 200 inch telescope will permit astronomers to see objects, one million light years distant. It can bring the moon's distance to within 24 miles from the earth. It will weigh approx. with mountings, one million pounds. The height over all is 75 feet.

Edison said: We do not yet know one millionth part of what is over us.

The world is looking for **something to happen**.
The church is looking for **someone to come**.

Faith Limited. This was a name of a company seen on Stratford High Street in London years ago.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. An old negro preacher had been told that his church would suffer if they did too much for "Foreign Mission". He said, that if anyone knew of a church that had died of too much missionary interest, he would like to know about it. Said he: "I will go up into the belfry, and shout to all and sundry, 'Blessed be the dead that die in the Lord.'"

UNCONSCIOUS TESTIMONY. The man who gave out the fragrance of the herb garden he was working in. Fragrance is given to us, in order to give out from us. "An odor of a sweet smell".

The stars. The total number of stars in our system is 200 billion. We can visualise it as being something like 100 stars for each inhabitant of the earth. On the clearest English night there are only 2000 in sight. For each star visible there are 100 million invisible. To traverse the system from side to the other would take us about 200000 (2 hundred thousand) years, traveling at the speed of light. (Sir J. Jeans. in K.S. Lee's book).

Counting the stars. To count a star per second without sleep, would take 6342 years. Yet our Lord calls them all by name.

ANSELM*--Archbishop of Canterbury. 1100 A.D.
prepared a catechism for the dying thus:-

Q. Dost thou believe Jesus died for thee?

A. I believe it.

Q. Dost thou thank Him for His passion & death?

A. I thank Him.

Q. Dost thou believe thou can'st not be saved but by His death?

A. I believe it.

Then to the dying man.

While life remaineth in thee, in His death also place thou thy trust. In naught else place any trust. To His death commit thyself wholly. With this alone cover thyself wholly.

thy God

And if the Lord will to judge thee, say:

"Between Thy judgment and me, I present the death of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And if He shall say, "thou art a sinner", say

"Lord I interpose the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, between my sins & Thee."

If He say, "thou hast deserved condemnation"

say: Lord, I set the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between my evil deserts and Thee, and His merits I offer, for that which I have not."

If He say He is wroth with thee, say:

"I interpose the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between ~~Thy~~ Thy wrath and ~~mine~~ me".

"From whence this fear & unbelief?
Hath not the Father put to grief
His spotted Son for me?
And will the righteous judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin,
Which Lord was charged on Thee?"

Complete atonement Thou hast made,
And to the utmost farthing paid
Whate'er Thy people owed:
Nor can His wrath on me take place,
If sheltered in Thy righteousness,
And sprinkled with Thy blood.

If my discharge Thou hast procured
And freely in my room endured.
The whole of worth divine:
Payment God cannot twice demand,
First at my bleeding Surety's hand,
And then again at mine.

Augustus Toplady

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The Irishman and Posterity. "Why should we do anything for posterity. What has posterity ever done for us. The attitude of many in the matter of Missions.

Pioneers in Missions. Are men of vision looking to the future. They blaze a trail for themselves and others. Launch out for God:-

1. For God-----He will supply the need.

2. For men-----He will save.

3. For self-----He will satisfy.

Epitaph in New Park.

Here remains what was mortal of Rachel Jordan who departed this life the --day of Jan. 1818 in the 30th yr of her age.

Trusting Christ's imputed righteousness she has gone to her God, who still accepts His sacrifice and His attoneing blood"

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God's love breaking hearts.

An American soldier who heard of his wife's illness, deserted when he failed to get leave to go and see her. His commanding officer after the court-martial called him to his tent to tell him he was to be shot. "I deserve it" he said. "I deserted, that's all". No it is not all said the C.O. as he put his hand in his bosom and drew out a pardon. The spirit that never quivered under the doom, broke down under his pardon, and he fell sobbing to the ground;

Wife means weaver. In the primitive home one of the principal employments was the making of clothes. The wool was spun into threads by the girls, who were therefore called spinsters the thread was woven into cloth by their ~~mothers~~ mothers, who accordingly was called--weaver.

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Walking worthily. When the Dauphin of France, the son of Louis xvth was urged by his tormentors and persecutors to do some evil things, his answer to all the temptation was: "I cannot do this I was born to be a king"

Hedley Vicars. Captain in the British Army was wonderfully converted. The next morning he brought his bible and placed it on the table in the mess room: so his testimony was begun. Thomas Chalmers. He was a great preacher and loved the starry heavens. Then he saw the truth of God's Word, and he cried "Up to that time I had not done so much as a feather's weight of good". What was done was done by the Gospel of God.

Rules for public speaking.

1. Tell what you are going to say.
2. Say it.
3. Tell them what you have said & sit down.

The Name of God--I AM.

When God would teach mankind His Name

He called Himself the great I Am.

Then left a blank---

Believers may supply they pray.

The things for which they pray.

Power of the Blood.

During the Boxer year an ambulance had not a Red Cross sign, and was in great danger. It was necessary to adopt some means to save the men, and one of them took a pillow case and marked it with his blood and the firing ceased when the flag was hoisted So the Cross of Christ.

The Crimson Sash. (Mr Beatty 1934)

One of the missionaries near Tibet tells the story of a young man who had been in jail, and was later released. The missionary was aroused by the sound of firecrackers

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Music It was said of Leonardo De Vinci that he always held a musical instrument when he painted. The music was in his soul. Keep out of the sick room unless you have the music in your soul.

Thanksgiving. It is said that thousands of letters are received every year at the Post Offices addressed to Santa Claus, asking for gifts. After one Christmas, only one letter giving thanks was received.

Thanksgiving legend. Every morning two angels leave heaven for earth, and each with a basket. One basket is named Request-prayer, and the other, thanks-praise. Nightly they return to heaven, and always the request basket is full, even to overflowing, while the praise basket has one or two words of thanks in it.

Sevn wonders of the world.

1. Pyramids of Egypt.
2. Gardens of Semiramis--Babylon.
3. Statue of Zeus at Olympia. (Phidias)
4. Temple of Artemis (Diana) at Ephesus
5. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus.
(See mausoleum in Encyc. Britt)
6. The Colossus at Rhodes.
7. The Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria.

Beauty of the common path. There are four elements that go to make up the pathway in any common place:

1. Clay: It extracts the blue ray of the sun, and becomes a sapphire.
2. Sand. Blue, green, and red rays and you have the opal.
3. Soot, which becomes carbon, and becomes the diamond, as it takes all the suns rays.
4. Water. Dewdrop outshines them all.

The combination makes the common laborers common pathway.

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In peace let me resign my breath.
And Thy salvation see.
My sins deserved eternal death.
But Jesus died for me.

Humility.

The sweetest flower that bloomed in Paradise
Is gone, if it but looks upon itself.
And she who ventures to esteem it, has
But proved, by this one thought, she has it not
Joy. The joy of deliverance at Lucknow.

"Canna ye hear them comin'" cried the Scottish
lass as she heard the bagpipes far away.

Mafeking relieved. When the tension of the
long siege was over, the joy was so great, that
men demonstrated everywhere. It gave a new
word to the language, mafficking. The thought
of exuberant joy.

God's plan for Life.

The story of the Brooklyn Bridge architect
He had been hurt in an accident before the
bridge was completed. Later when he was carried
to a place where he could see it he cried for
joy and said "It's just like my plan"

Where are your soldiers.

This was the word of a Scottish woman to Robert
Bruce as he walked into her house, and told who
he was. "They are all killed". Then said the
mother "Here are my three sons. Take them".

We need this in Missions today.

They'll Need another Missionary now.

This was the word of Allison Pike, after she
heard the bandits had killed her father in
China. "Here am I send me"

Missionary Sacrifice. After hearing of the
need, a crippled child said "I wish you would
take my crutches, and sell them for a cripple
child in China. She was listening to an appeal
for \$500.00 and only \$100.00 had come in.

How would you get home the? I'd hobble home.

had read him the 33rd chapter

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Monica the mother of Augustine, prayed that he might be kept from going to Rome. Yet it was that very going to Rome, which led to his being sent to Milan as teacher of rhetoric. There he met Ambrose the Bishop, by whose preaching and personal influence he was converted.

GOD DENIED THE SPOKEN PRAYER OF MONICA THAT HE MIGHT GRANT HER HEART'S DESIRE.

MAKING PEACE. John Muir the Alaskan missionary tells the story of warring Indians. Many had been killed and the old chief was desirous of peace, but it was useless, as his side had killed more than the enemy had. He then went forward and asked if his life was worth ten men, and gave himself that the war might cease.

There some speakers that are best when they are inaudible.

There are dangers in what might be called second hand religious traditions. The experiences of the fathers that are handed on without any of the faith and fire of the fathers who held them.

The value of a meeting, depends on what is done afterwards.

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Lack of power thru sin.

Father and son were playing with a toy railway. Do all they would it would not run. Power was there when it was tested, but the railway was dead. In a thoughtful mood a piece tinsel was picked off the track, and the power was once again released.

Possessing our possessions.

Dr Trumbull tells the story of the man who called on the real estate man to sell his place. After seeing the advertising, he called on the real estate man, and said: "That is the kind of place I have been looking for all my life". He had known what he had. He possessed his possessions.

Personal work. Is one person telling another person about a third person--Christ.

Wishing for what we already have.

Dr McQuilken tells of his desire to see the wedding ceremony of a very popular teacher of his. He stood at a window outside the building craning his neck to see. Days later he found in his pocket an invitation that would have admitted him to the ceremony to a reserved seat if only he had presented it. We have it in Christ if only we knew about it.

Self Praise.

Said Spurgeon:--"There are many who boast they are self made men, and I notice they never fail to praise their maker.

Help in time of need.

Two little children wished to cross the street in busy traffic. At last the cop saw them, ran and came to their assistance. They did not dare to face the traffic. All that he did, was to turn his back to the traffic, with his arms stretched out, and everything stopped. A safe way was made and they went over. This is what Jesus did to sin and its power at the Cross.

Illustrations.

Running past danger signals.

Many people run past danger signals. It is said that a generous man in the U.S. after spending years putting up signals in the desert, found that large numbers were lost in spite of the warnings. He devoted the rest of his life to rescuing those who had failed to heed the warnings.

Pastor Stearns. Was approached by a man one day who said:-"You preach far too much about the death of Christ. Why do you not tell people to take Christ as the great example. The reply was "Are you able then to follow the example, then begin here, 'Who did no sin'. To which came the reply:"Oh but I am a sinner" Well then said Stearns what you need is a Savior, not an example at first".

The Dutch Preacher. was asked to preach to the courtiers at the court of Holland, and after much pressing at last consented. His sermon was taken from Acts 8, Philip and the eunuch. In his remarks he said:-"In this subject I find four things of astonishment:-

1. A courtier who reads the holy Scriptures.
2. A courtier who owns his ignorance.
3. A courtier who asks his inferior to instruct him.
4. A courtier who is converted.

Tradition of the Rabbins. Had a beautiful way of speaking of proselytes. It was:

"Having come under the shadow of the wings of Shekinah".

The Shelter of Christ. "As a hen gathereth her brood".

1. He was able to save them as a hen does her brood. Placed Himself between them & foe.
2. They were as helpless as the brood.

Gloomy people, are only growing thorns instead of roses. Men become unconscious of fatigue when marching to music.

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The story of the little boy that stood on the collection plate. He said: "Lord I havena got anything else to give ye, but I'll give you myself. That is reputed to be Robert Moffatt.

The story of the city politician who was knocked down by a car and was dying quickly. He wanted to be taken to the dinner table to ask a blessing. He had allowed his wife to have "the religion", and was ashamed that he had never yet asked a blessing in his own house. He did so.

The story of Gustaf Johnson about the Norwegian woman who came to this country. Her husband a rich man. Deserted her and her three children. "I would like to join this church". Yes, but you must be born again. But I do not know what it means to be born again. Keep on coming you'll soon find out. Now I am born again, may I join. Some time she walked well. Then one day she kept saying, "This is my great day". Then she fell to the floor and died. Son and daughter came a few days after the funeral to see Johnson to ask where she had died, and there, they also accepted Christ, where their mother had died.

Hudson Taylor's experience with the man, Mr Parker (Susie Parker) "I have nothing too precious to give to Jesus".

Giving to the Lord. The story of the Korean farmer who sold his ox to be able to give. The missionary found him hitched on to the plow, while his blind father guided the plow itself.

Mackenzie's story of the woman in Cleveland who gave the six pennies of her little girl who had died just before her sixth birthday. She gave her gift--all she had--and the Lord used it to stir others who had to give.

THE HEART. The heart is a triangle and the world a sphere. Therefore the world can never fill the heart of a man. It needs the Triune God to meet its needs.

THE NEED OF CLEANSING. The old Black woman in Africa prayed "Oh Lord my heart is black and dirty. Wont you please take that soap that makes my clothes clean, and cleanse my heart with it".

Mrs Saunders tells of the woman Cheng in Kansu.
She was a prisoner, and behaved so badly in prison that they threatened several times to call in the man jailer. She got worse, and at last became and she was placed in a room with a corpse in an open coffin, & shut there for the night. She called & cried, but ^{to} no avail. At last when she could cry no longer, she remembered what the missionaries who visited the jail had said regarding God hearing prayer. She knelt and called on God, & confessed her sins one by one. Then she fell asleep, & slept the night through. Next morning when the guard came expecting to find a demented woman, he found her asleep. She became a true believer.

A father received word that his son, a brilliant I had been killed. Turning to his minister, he cried in desperation, 'Tell me, sir, where was God when son was killed?' In that tense moment, guidance was given to the pastor, 'My friend' he said, 'God was where He was when His own Son was killed.'

THE GREATEST TELESCOPE IN THE WORLD.

THE biggest telescope the world has ever seen is in course of construction just now in America, and will find its home in California next year (1940). Men have been working at it for five years already, and when finished it will have cost £2,000,000.

What do you think will be the use of such an instrument? Will it be worth all that money, time and labour? Astronomers tell us that it may give us an entirely new idea of the universe we live in, and that we may have to alter our views of many things. God, too, will be more wonderful than ever, and His love to man above all our understanding.

The moon will seem only 25 miles away. We will see twice as far in the future. Billions of new stars, about which we know nothing just now, will come into our ken, and make it possible to photograph planets 1,200,000,000 (1,200 millions) light years away.

In the making of this vast telescope—one of the greatest scientific discoveries of this century—the mountings will weigh about 700 tons. The mirror alone, 17 feet in diameter, will weigh 16 tons, and a ton of jewellers' rouge will be used in polishing it. Like a great eye, it will gather 640,000 times as much light as the human eye. And yet, though heavy, it will move so easily in its film of oil, that only $1/165,000$ th of a horsepower will be required to turn it.

When Galileo made his first telescope 300 years ago, people were afraid to look through it, in case they might see the things he saw. They would not believe him, and would have liked to destroy both him and his instrument. People to-day are neither so narrow-minded, nor so afraid to face the truth. There are still marvels to be discovered. The world is far bigger than we ever thought: man, too, is of more value: God is more infinite.

Distance of moon.

Light years?

The mirror.

Polishing.

Horsepower to move it.

“Two men looked out through prison bars,
One saw mud, the other saw stars.”

A PAIR OF SHOES---JOHN McBeath.

Cf Ephesians 6.

To be without shoes is a mark of reverence in some countries. Amongst the Arabs and other people it is a custom to take off their shoes when they go to worship God. They make the word of God to Moses a law which they keep every day: "Take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

TO have one's shoes on is to be in readiness for duty; ready for the road, ready for anything. "Give me," said R. L. Stevenson, "give me to sleep, give me to wake, girded and shod."

The Jews were accustomed to eat the Passover with their shoes on, ready to rise at once and move without delay at the sound of the trumpet.

I wonder what kind of shoes they were! John Bunyan knew something about shoes. He said that some people are willing to be religious when religion is pleasant and popular, "when religion walks in silver slippers." But he knew that religion often needs strong shoes for rough roads, and he spoke of having "shoes that will not wear out." The Bible does not mention silver slippers, but it does say, "Your shoes shall be iron and brass." The people were to cross the long wilderness and cover the rocky places and climb the rough tracks, and God promised that their shoes should not wear out.

The swift runner runs with spiked shoes along the soft racing track. Those who go out to ramble, and travel by road and tramp the hills and glens, must take strong shoes with them.

Did you ever hear of this pair of shoes? "Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." That means being in readiness for every good work; to push and press for peace, peace with God, peace in all the world, peace in our hearts and in our homes.

A Choice of "Riches."—*Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?* (v. 2.) Some years ago there appeared one day in the same daily paper two accounts, one of an American woman who had just spent \$70,000 for Paris dresses; and the other of a woman, a beautiful Christian character, who, being questioned in a legal matter, modestly admitted that she had given many millions of her estate to various righteous causes. "Well," as someone remarked, "it is a matter of taste—Paris gowns or heavenly crowns."—*From the*

Our Two Feet.—*The just shall live by his faith* (Golden Text). Evan Hopkins said to a friend who was earnestly seeking victory over sin: "You know our hymns are called, 'Hymns of Consecration and Faith,' and those are the two feet we have got to walk on. You are trying to walk on one foot only—consecration. Do not worry so much . . . go and have a good believing time."—

"OUT OF MY POVERTY!"

REV. W. L. WATKINSON

"Out of my poverty have I done this," said Tycho Brahe, for he made all his astronomical discoveries without a telescope. It is a big eye that is wanted in astronomy more than a telescope.

"Out of my poverty have I done this," said Christopher Columbus when he crossed the Atlantic in a leaky vessel that you would not use today for a Newcastle collier. But it was enough for a great soul.

"Out of my poverty have I done this," said Turner, for he painted his masterpiece in the National Gallery out of a broken tea-cup.

"Out of my poverty have I done this," said John Milton, when the poor blind poet gave us "Paradise Lost."

"Out of my poverty have I done this," said John Bunyan when the poor tinker handed us out of Bedford gaol all the treasures of "The Pilgrim's Progress."

THE HANDWRITING NAILED TO THE CROSS.

This does not mean "it is crucified", i.e. dead or ineffective. That would be possible. But probably a much livelier image is given. It is possibly an allusion to a custom of the time. If we are unable to point to the source of the bond nailed to the Cross, we can point to the **Cross on the bond**.....It occurs in the papyri, and is ~~Χι�ζω~~ = A cross out. It occurs in papyri of the New Test. age. There are several M.SS of **crossed out** I.O.U's. The Greek Chi written over the face of the account cancelled it, as the Cross of Christ written over our account has cancelled it.

THE ROSETTA STONE---AN ILLUSTRATION.

It was written in three languages, and as one was deciphered, it became a key to the others. These in turn, opened the hieroglyphics of Egypt to the archaeologist.

The Indian Cry. He watched men throwing bread to them in their canoes, but no one gave to them the bread of life.

Testimony in suffering. A Christian convert in China was beaten by his mother. Next day he came back to the missionary and said "Well I received my beating, but they can't beat Xt out of my heart". A little later he led his sister to Xt, and the mother said "I cant beat him any more. If I do I am afraid he will make me a Xtian too".

HEATHEN PRACTICES.

The Chinese river god, demands the lives of all those who fall into the river. A little girl had fallen into the river, and a man tried to save her. The man's wife interfered, and the girl was lost, on which the owner of the girl sued him. The wife also was sued, and her defence was that she did not dare to save the girl, because it was the river god that demanded the life, and it was no use trying to deny him.

Illustrations from china.

The old idolater, met by Mr Ririe, who had gone everywhere to find salvation. When asked if he had found it, he said in anguished voice, "Alas, I cannot find the door".

One Chinese woman was asked if she would "believe and answered: "How can you expect me to believe when no one has ever told me before".

Old Chinese lady, who came to see the doctor, was told she had come too late. "I have always been here, it is you that have come too late" was the answer.

THE NEEDS OF THE HUMAN HEART.

By George Matheson.

"My heart needs Thee, O Lord, my heart
needs Thee".

No part of my being needs Thee like my heart
All else within me can be satisfied with
Thy gifts.

My hunger....with daily bread.

My thirst....with daily waters.

My cold.....by household fires.

My weariness.by outward rest.

But no outward thing can make my heart pure.
The fairest scene will not beautify my
soul.

The sweetest harmony will not make harmony
within.

The breezes can cleanse the air, but no
breeze ever cleansed a spirit.

THIS WORLD HAS NOT PROVIDED FOR MY HEART.

It has provided for my EYE.

It has provided for my EAR.

It has provided for my TOUCH.

It has provided for my TASTE.

It has provided for my sense of BEAUTY.

IT HAS NOT PROVIDED FOR MY HEART.

Provide Thou for my heart O Lord.

It is the only unwinged bird in all creation

Give it wings, O Lord.

GIVE

"Give, give, be always giving;

Who gives not is not living.

The more you give,

The more you live.

*Give strength, give thought, give deeds,
give self,*

Give love, give tears, and give thyself.

Who gives not is not living.

The more we give,

The more we live." —Selected

AN ARABIAN PROVERB.

I had no shoes and complained---until i met a man that had no feet.

THE BLOOD.

"The life of the flesh is in the blood" Lev.17:11, is scientifically correct. The life an well-being of every organ, gland and tissue depends upon the condition and rate of the flow of the blood stream.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

All thrives the hapless family that shows A cock that's silent and a hen that crows. I know not which live most unnatural lives Obeying husbands, or commanding wives.

(Francis Quarles)

Mrs Isobel Kuhn prayed in Lisu land. "Lord we are just three ciphers but Thou art our Leader at the front, and one before three ciphers is 1000". Mr Peterson who told the story went on to say: "So we went into the work 1000 strong".

The illustration was used to the Lisu. It had to do with a place in north China where they were dependent on rain they could catch in tubs, to meet their need. Three tubs were used. The first one was filled to the brim. The second also was filled to the brim. When the man came to the third one, he found it empty. You ask why? He had not taken the lid off. It was a covered tub, and the rain could not get in. Like our hearts unopened to the Lord.

THE STORY OF ARCHIMEDES.

“EUREKA! Eureka!” cried Archimedes, as, half-clothed, he ran through the streets of the city, announcing to the people that he had made a great discovery, “I have found it. I have found it.”

For a long time he had been puzzled over a problem which other scientists were trying to solve. Goldsmiths had used base metal in making the King's crown, and no one knew how to test real gold from spurious. One day, while taking his bath, the solution suddenly flashed upon his mind, and he ran out of the house like a frenzied man, throwing his hands in the air, and shouting out these two Greek words, “Eureka! Eureka!”

Archimedes, born in Syracuse, more than 200 years B.C., was a remarkable philosopher and mathematician. He was always making discoveries. When the Romans took the city, Marcellus, the General, gave orders that Archimedes was not in any way to be hurt, for though Archimedes was his cleverest foe, he respected him so much that he wished to honour, rather than destroy him. Unfortunately, however, a soldier, not hearing these instructions, came upon Archimedes, who was making another discovery, and killed him.

THEORIES OR FACTS.

The eminent geologist, Charles Lyell, once said, “The French Institute enumerated no less than eighty geological theories which were hostile to the Scriptures; but not one of these theories is held today” (L. S. Keyser, **A System of Christian Evidence**, p. 187). Theories of origin come and go, but the facts of creation as found in the rocks and discovered by geologists are found in perfect agreement with God's account of them found in the book of Genesis.

THE STORY OF SIR JAMES SIMPSON.

Not very long ago, it was my privilege to stay a night in the house where Sir James Young Simpson made his wonderful discovery of chloroform. Edinburgh is noted for monuments, churches and famous houses, and few men have done more to enrich that beautiful city than Simpson.

His statue in Princes Street, and his home in Queen Street are sought out and admired by multitudes to this day. When this baker's son became Professor in the University, at the early age of 29, he determined to do something that would lessen the pains of sick people suffering operations.

At first he tried mesmerism, and then one experiment after another, till he discovered chloroform. Often the kindly affectioned man lay helpless under the table, for he always experimented on himself first. Lying awake at night, thinking of the discovery that had been made in that very house, I imagined that I was sniffing chloroform all the time.

The news of the discovery flew over the land, and his house was besieged with callers. Queen Victoria used it, and Spurgeon, the famous London preacher, called him "That dearest angel of mercy," and said that if he knew of 10,000 eloquent men in Scotland, he would give them work for the next hundred years to praise the Lord for sending such a man into the world.

In addition to chloroform, Simpson made several other discoveries, and began lines that different men developed. One day, a friend asked Simpson, "What do you consider the greatest of all your discoveries?" Quick as lightning came the answer, "The greatest discovery I have ever made is that I have a Saviour."

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SPEED UP --SPEUDE.

In the Olympic games, the Greeks manifested peculiar sagacity in the race course., which was a furlong, or stadium long. There were three pillars--one at the starting point, one in the middle, and one at the goal.

At the starting point was a Gk. word, "Show thyself. a man." That is, do your best. At the end was a word--Stop--arrest your steps. In the middle was a pillar with the word--SPEUDE--make haste, speed up. The danger was that when the racer had outstripped the rest, and at the middle of the course find all behind him, would relax his efforts, and someone who had been reserving his strength, for the last dash, would pass him to the goal.

A GIFT "TO SEE ME BY".

That is the phrase used by a native in Africa who thought his gift would bring him into the presence of the one to whom he gave it.

THREE EVANGELISTIC CALLS.

1. From heaven...Isa.6:8
2. From hell. ...Lk.16:27.
3. From earth....Acts 16:9.

Illustrations from Hampden -Sydney, Epitaphs.
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Samuel Lyle Graham.D.D. 1791-1851.

"Holding fast the faithful word as I have been taught, that I might be able by sound doctrine both to exhort & to convince".

Geo.A.Baxter D.D. 1772-1841.

Endowed with genius by nature,

With grace by the Holy Spirit,

A profound theologian

An able philosopher.

He had the charity of a Christian

And exemplified the Gospel by his life.

Other epitaphs in Hampden-Sydney.

All things fulfil their purpose low and high

Until our work is done we cannot die.

Thou art to pass over Jordan this day"

"Saved by grace". The above is on the husband's grave. The latter on the wife's.

God's finger touched him and he slept.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

The Crimson Sash. (Mr Beatty 1934)

One of the missionaries near Tibet, tells the story of a young man who had been in jail, and was later released. They were aroused in the Mission compound by the sound of firecrackers, and were just in time as they went to the door to see a young man, girdled with a red silk sash, and escorted by his friends to his home. They were told that his sin of cursing a Moslem had been atoned for, and the magistrate of the district had given the red sash to indicate to all and sundry, that his sin was put away, and that he was a free man.

Mr Moon was a miner in Kansas who was blinded when a charge went off in his face. It seemed like being in hell, but God gave him light in the darkness. In his distress he prayed that God would make his blindness into a talent. Then he prayed that God would give him an idea, and he found a way to read with his tongue, as his fingers were not sensitive. Through him many have been taught in the same way.

Robert Byars was bereft of all his powers. When his jaws locked, they removed four teeth two above and two below to feed him. He asked all who came to visit him to give him a birthday gift, a penny for each year of their lives. In this way he was able to support 70 missionaries on the field each year.

Pastor Harmes and Pastor Gosner of Germany.

Gosner said: Long before I learned to ring door bells, I had learned to ring the bells of heaven in prayer.