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WAIT.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm cxviii. 5.

Wait, O thou weary one, a little longer, A few more years; it may be only days;

Wait, O thou suffering one; thy days of sorrow Bring to thy feet its richest gain,

Wait, O thou anxious one, the cloud that looms In gathering gloom above thy aching head

Wait, O thou mourning one, now bending lowly Beside the grave where sleeps thy Christian friend,

Wait, O thou patient and submissive, each dishearter Will bring thee nearer to thy loving Lord;

Wait, O thou perfect day, the day of God, eternal And free from a shadow shall sit o'er the tomb;

Wait, then, dear heart, control thy sad emotion, God will subdue each angry wind and wave;

And when the voyage ends across life's ocean, In the haven of endless rest will arrive.

—Peter Stryker, D. D.

Tunnels in Our Lives.

(From the New York Observer.) I have recently been reading the letters and diary of a pious, gifted young Scotch lady, who was an invalid and travelled abroad for her health.

How well does this accord with the experiences of the people of God generally. Rarely will you find one who has not met with such passage-tunnels of greater or less length, and of more or less darkness and gloominess, in the pilgrimage of life.

Not greatly unlike theirs has been the experience of modern saints. Not unlike was that of the young lady, from whom we have quoted. Her illness was to her a long night of affliction.

But, take courage, all ye benighted and troubled souls; the dark tunnel will ere long be passed through, and you will emerge from it amidst bright and joyous scenes.

Church Anecdotes.

Some people join the minister instead of joining the church. When they discover a stranger in their favorite's pulpit, they sometimes rise up and go out.

A few years ago, as a stranger rose in one of our city pulpits to begin the service, several of the congregation began to leave the church.

He was a lame man, and the pulpit was located near the doors.

"Wait a moment, my friends," said the preacher, "I'll get my hat, and I'll go with you."

This abrupt closing of the services taught the people that there was at least one minister who would not be treated with contempt.

On a certain occasion, the eloquent Dr. E. H. Chapin, being sick, was compelled to ask a friend to preach for him.

The man who has in him the elements of a preacher for Christ, will find a field for his talents. Paul was a prisoner, but he was in Caesar's household.

The Ministry of Children.

The late General Beckwith, so long the steadfast friend and benefactor of that most interesting people, the Waldenses of Piedmont, visited England while making plans for rebuilding some of the Waldensian churches, whose dilapidated condition made them unsuitable places for worship.

Timidly approaching the General, he said to him at the same time extending his hand, "Sir, do you think this could help you build your church?"

Clasping the child in his arms, and taking into his own hand the offering he had brought, General Beckwith said: "Yes, my little friend, I will build my church with what you have given me, and your penny with your name engraved upon it, set in a corner stone shall tell every one that you were the founder of it."

This little incident in the life of General Beckwith was recalled to mind by reading, some time since, the touching story of the origin of a beautiful sanctuary in one of our eastern cities.

A messenger was dispatched, and the good man was soon beside the bedside of the dying child. She knew that the time was very short, and with trembling eagerness said to her mother: "Give me, please, the little box on the shelf just above my head."

Could he do else than promise? It was the call of God, he felt, to this work. The little seed put into his hand with such simple, loving trust, and watered with tears, would, he doubted not, bear fruit.

Don't forget to say 'good morning.' Say it to your parents, brothers and sisters, your schoolmates, your teachers—and say it cheerfully, and with a smile, it will do you good, and do your friends good.

Solomon was full of wisdom, but John was full of love to the Master.

Love the Scriptures, and wisdom will love thee.

Holiness is not to be measured by perfect joy, but by perfect resignation.

We put things in order; God does the rest. Lay an iron bar east and west—it is not magnetized; lay it north and south, and it is.

A true man never frets about his place in the world, but just slides into it by the gravitation of his nature and swings there as easily as a star.

A good conscience is the palace of Christ; the temple of the Holy Ghost; the paradise of delight; the standing Sabbath of the saints.

Christ comes with a blessing in each hand; forgiveness in one and holiness in the other, and never gives either to any who will not take both.

St. Bernard says, "The detractor carries the devil in his mouth; so he who hearkens to him may be equally said to carry the devil in his ear."

God does not delay to hear our prayers because he has no mind to give; but that, by enlarging our desires, He may give us more largely.

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