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"FOR THE DEFENCE OF CALVARY"

Along the winding highway of life there are so many scenes of interest to be admired, such a variety of questions to be considered, such perplexing problems involve us wherein our faith is sorely tried, surely diligence must be our watchword. We are so prone to complain at the difficulties; but after all without them life would be so incomplete that much of its charm would not appear.

Battles must be fought that victories may be gained. Noblemen are recognized by the invincible spirit that is developed in the conflict. Heroes emerge from the dismal battle line where foes have been beaten back and courageous men endured. Overcomers are the ones who display true christian virtues while under fire. Unjust persecution and being deprived of necessities, often bring one to the full recognition of the leadership of Jesus and to complete submission to Him.

There is a battle in progress now where the forces of the Lord Jesus are, need of reinforcements. The battle is well under way, already some strategic points have been possessed and by the continued wielding of the sword of the Spirit some of the enemies big guns have been silenced. Many of our opponents have been overcome and brought into subjection by the tender wooing of the Holy Spirit, the gospel penetrating their hearts and converting them into lovers and defenders of the truth. Gallant indeed has been the offensive waged by these newly enlisted ones against the forces of the emperor of darkness. Our battle cry has ever been "Victory in Jesus". The blood of His sacrifice is God's remedy for sin.

The field of conquest is enormous and our invasion has scarcely begun, we have only penetrated the lower extremities of the field, the greater portion yet remains untouched. But the challenge is too great to go unheeded; our cause is just; our brethren are faithful and our Master is worthy. Let us gird up our loins like men and enter the conflict with renewed energy and courage, fearlessly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints; for the ends of the earth must be enlightened as to the salvation of our GOD through the healing stream that flows by Calvary.

Little by little we can establish ourselves firmly in this mission field by submitting ourselves to the will of the Lord. Days of patient toil in personal work and gospel preaching, followed by nights of prayer to GOD. Months, perhaps years of endurance, open doors with adversaries advancing under difficulties, some to encourage and some to draw back, yet with unfailing determination and a steady gait we will at last see churches of the Lord Jesus functioning in places where they can best serve the general public in things that are spiritual to the glory of the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Lives of some who love to live, as well as you, must be given to establish work like this; true they love to make the offering, but it is with sacrifice just the same. Thus we can see that when we unite our forces with such people, we are casting our lot with those whose chief concern is to promote the interest of the kingdom of heaven here on earth, and to strengthen the eternal possession of the Lord Jesus so that at His coming, these remote habitations of man will have been conquered by the preaching of the gospel.

Would you like to join the little company of pilgrims who are so happily occupied in carrying on for the Lord in the uttermost parts of the earth? If you would, you are welcome. Jesus is our Commander, the Holy Spirit is our Guide, and the Bible is the word of our authority. We have set our mark high and are determined to win regardless of the sacrifice that must be made to reach the goal.

Sincerely

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