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"Stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance."—II. Peter 3. 1.



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At a meeting of the Consistory of the Prospect Hill Reformed Church held September 16th, 1890, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*—The REV. DR. QUACKENBUSH began his pastorate over this Church on January 1st, 1861, and the close of this year will close thirty years of his service in the Gospel among us, therefore

*Resolved*—That it is eminently proper that so long a continuance of life and labor among us should have recognition.

*Resolved*—That Elder W. G. F. Slover is hereby appointed to report to Consistory on this subject.

At a meeting held October 13th, 1890, the Committee reported the following Resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*—That the REV. DR. QUACKENBUSH be requested to make, from sermons preached by him to our congregation, selections sufficient to form a small printed volume, which may serve as a memorial of his protracted pastorate, and the profits from the sale of which may aid our Church in its present necessity.

And thereupon it was also

*Resolved*—That Elders Allen and Slover be appointed a Committee with power to carry out the purpose of the Consistory in this matter.

... / Dr. Quackenbush

"This is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you."—*I. Peter* 1, 25.

"Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."—*I. Timothy* 1, 13.



*As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so  
the Lord is round about his people from  
henceforth even for ever.\*—PSALM CXXV: 2.*

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THE good words of our Text are true of every believer. Wherever there is a weakness, or a want, or a danger, there you are sure to find God. His people are feeble, he makes them strong in the Lord. They are ignorant, he makes them wise unto salvation. They are forgetful, he sends them repeated messages of warning and counsel and love until his words have cut each message deep into their hearts "as with the point of a diamond." They are hard-hearted, he melts their hearts by the fire of his love, until that hardness yields and takes on the stamp of his own image. They are disobedient, he urges his commands, strengthened by divine authority and tenderness, until

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\* Preached in the Chapel on Third Avenue, May 13th 1866. Repeated in the Church on Park Avenue and Eighty-ninth St., October 6th, 1889.

they obey. They are perverse, he seizes them by his power, and holds them until they learn to submit and love to ask, Lord, what wilt thou have us to do? They are unbelieving, he shows them his own Son and his own Son's service, and so plucks out the evil root of unbelief, and they put their trust in him. They are loaded down with sin, he brings an atonement, even the work of Him who took away sin, and they, relieved from sin's burden, rise up joyful, and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God." They are in danger of "the wrath to come," he opens before their faces the doors of a refuge safe as his own throne, and provides an inheritance incorruptible, for which they are kept by the power of God through faith, even as it is kept for them by grace. Wherever the danger is, there God appears. "Round about" on every side he stands "as the mountains round about Jerusalem."

God may give to one a life of quiet and peace, undisturbed by storms and sad changes, for years in succession. And he

may give to another a life in which each month brings its affliction, keeping the heart-wounds ever open and bleeding, and in which past years are dated and named in memory each by its own peculiar sorrow. In each case the same God, with the same loving purpose, guards his own. The quiet life is given that the mind and heart may be free for God's service and the whole time be employed for the best uses. The stormy and troubled life, with its many sorrows treading closely each in its leader's steps, is given that the soul may be rescued from the world and reserved for the noblest destiny. God may give to one a long and to another a short life and there be mercy in both gifts. One he may take from the evil to come. Another he may leave to battle through many years that victories may be won for himself. He may give to one a position preserved from serious trials of virtue. To another he may permit many temptations. He may let "Satan sift him like wheat." Yet the two may share the same love; the one gently kept;