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*The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands
shall be stronger and stronger.—JOB xvii. 9.*

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INTRODUCTION.

IN Dr. Vaughan's *Memorials of Harrow Sundays*, being a selection of Sermons preached by him in the Chapel of Harrow School, is one which has for its title *Lessons of Whitsunday*. It was preached on Whitsunday (May 23) 1858, and it closes with the following words :—

“ This, my brethren, is a week of Ordinations. We have remembered in our prayers to-day those who on Sunday next are to receive their commissions, in this and foreign lands, as the ministers of Jesus Christ. One of these, as we should have described him a few days ago, one (but a few years ago) of yourselves, who in early life had destined himself with many prayers and earnest resolutions, while yet in this place, as a mission-

ary to India, this day is not; at an early hour this morning, and after a very few days' illness, he rested from his earthly work; and, instead of being made on Sunday next a priest of Christ's Church on earth, was advanced, after one year's deaconship, to His service in heaven. These things ought not to pass without notice, when they are brought before us in the providence of God. Oh, that there were more like him! More, who take a serious view of the duties of this place! More, who view earthly life soberly, see its solemn import, choose their calling in it aright, contemplate it as a whole, and look to the end of it, devote themselves early to their Master's work, and whether His summons come late or early, are found of Him in peace and watching! Such, if such there be, will count it, not as an evil, but as an added blessing, if He who shall come comes early and carries not, rids them betimes of an earthly toil and an earthly burden, and admits them soon, before half a lifetime be spent, with His own approval and blessing, into the inheritance of the saints in light."

The sometime Harrow boy, referred to in the foregoing extract, is the subject of the

brief memoir now given to the public. His elder sister committed to writing these simple recollections of her brother, whose feet she was allowed to quicken in the heavenward race, for her own consolation under his removal, out of the affection that guarded a grave, and in the longing desire that younger relatives might, by their perusal, be won to a personal application to the Saviour of their departed one for like pardon and like holiness. She did so without a thought of their being read by any eye outside of her own family circle. Her place in that circle is now vacant. The brother and sister, with the parents, to whose holy training and ceaseless prayers each owed so much, together now *inherit the promises*.

But it seemed to the Editor, as in his own grief he lately took the MS. from the desk in which it had rested unopened for several years, that he would be justified in seeking for its contents a wider circulation. In these days of early self-indulgence, the maxim so dear in its mere moral bearing to our fore-

fathers, and, at the same time, so full of deep spiritual truth—"in the morning mountains, in the evening fountains"—seems from too many of the young, and, alas! too many of their parents also, to be fast passing out of sight. At such a period a truthful sketch, however slight, of one who even as a school-boy was made willing and therefore able to *endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ*, may by God's blessing be to the profit of some.

May the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, teach each reader that he *may* now be saved from sin, as well as from guilt and from wrath, by faith in the blood of Christ (Rom. iii. 25; v. 9; Matt. i. 21). *Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto Himself* (Tit. ii. 14). If by faith in His life of obedience in our place, and His death of atonement for our sins, we have been *washed from our sins in His blood*, then by trust in the power of His grace freely given to all those who will but resort to it, we *may* be so *strengthened with*

all might (Col. i. 11) as to *overcome*, as to become *more than conquerors* over sin and the world and temptation and self. We *may*, if we will, *follow fully*. We *may*, if we will, be *complete in Christ*. We *may*, if we will, say, *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ* (2 Cor. ii. 14). We *may*, if we will, say with the apostle, *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me* (Phil. iv. 13). There is no path to holiness, save through Christ; and He is *made* sanctification to those who believe in Him for grace as well as pardon (1 Cor. i. 30).

This conquest over sin and difficulties will not be at a bound. It is by *faith and patience*. The conflict is life-long. There may and will be, through our unbelief and for our humbling, many defeats; there may be, and there ought to be, a series of victories, and those day by day and ever progressive. The power of the Holy Spirit working in us, and the might of Christ's risen life put forth in and as our soul's life, really supply *the exceed-*