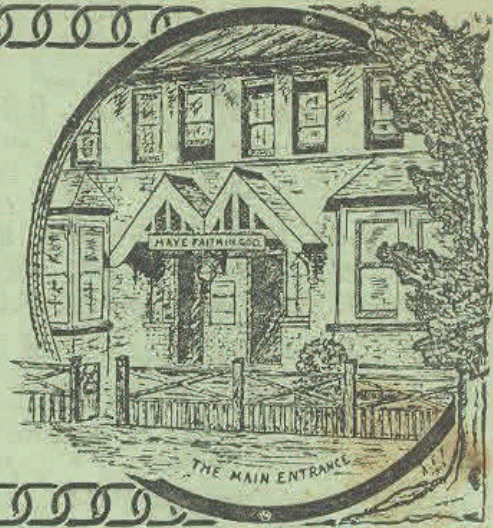


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"ONE THING IS NEEDFUL."—*Jesus Christ.*

"THE HOUR OF PRAYER" (Acts 3—1) is at 3 p.m. EVERY FIRST THURSDAY in the month, here.

NO PRAYER—NO BLESSING.
LITTLE PRAYER—LITTLE BLESSING.
MUCH PRAYER—MUCH BLESSING.

"If My people shall pray *then* will I hear."—*2 Chron. vii., 14.*
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

With this number we send our hearty wishes to all our friends that their Christmas may be a Season of real joy.

J—Jesus

O—Nothing between

Y—You

and although we continue to be overshadowed by the horrors of war may we find our real strength in relying upon Him. "Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because He trusteth in Thee."

Will you please bear this "Little nest" up in special prayer for continued victory, at the same time joining with us in praise to our Heavenly Father, for all that He has done and is doing for this corner of His vineyard.

We heartily thank the several churches and missions for sending to us again this year the goodies from their Harvest Festivals, also our working parties (several reports of same will appear in our next issue) and our Boot Clubs for their valuable help.

Twenty-one of our old boys are now in the Forces, three of whom are wounded, one a prisoner in Germany. The one who was severely wounded on July 1st., is slowly recovering and we praise God for answered prayer on His behalf.

Our Monthly Praise and Prayer Meeting (see front page) is still a source of help and blessing and we have had some very encouraging times during the past six months. The Readings have been given by Rev. F. Harrison, Mr. Steven Alexander, Mr. W. A. Hutchin.

PRAYER BRINGS VICTORY.

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY.

MAY.

- 4th. Isle of Wight £2 10s 0d.
- 6th. Leytonstone 10s 6d.
- 8th. Ealing 2s 6d specially for boots, Woodford, basket of rabbits.
- 9th. Walthamstow 2s 6d with "From one who is interested in your work for the Master."
- 13th. 10s 6d handed to me in Hyde Park.
- 15th. Portslade £1 10s 4d given to me at the close of a 4 days' gospel mission together with 9s 8d expenses.
- 16th. 12 pairs knickers, 2 chemises and S.H. garments and 10s. Forest Gate, Leytonstone contents of box 3s, Woodford 8 qrts. milk, London £5, Ilford 14s.
- 24th. Richmond, parcel of clothes and 5s, Regents Park 4 guineas, Woodford 32 qrts. of milk, One of our old girls 12s.
- 26th. London 10s with "My partner has asked me to let you have the enclosed note." Hove 2s 6d, Newport £2 10s.
- 31st. London 10s with "Regret I am unable to attend at the Annual Gatherings, owing to other engagements on the 8th June but wish you very successful meetings and herewith enclose 10s towards expenses." Mark Lane 1 guinea, Woodford parcel of clothes.

JUNE.

- 1st. Woodford 6 mackerel for Home Cot, Sturry 8s 6d, Westcliff 1 guinea.

2nd. Tunbridge Wells £1, Woodford contents of box 3s 6d, Hertford Heath £6 12s 6d (travelling expenses for childrens' excursion).

4th. Cheshire 2s 6d, Wanstead 2s, Harborne 2s.

5th. Ilford "I expect that owing to the prolongation of this terrible war you are having a trying time. My thoughts are often with you and I pray to God for a continuance of His blessing on your splendid work. I enclose notes value £3 as a donation from myself and father. It always affords me great pleasure to be able to assist you, particularly so because I have often been comforted in moments of stress by the knowledge of how He has sustained you and graciously answered your prayers."

6th. Southgate £1 10s, Brentwood £1, Leytonstone 2s, Leyton Bible Reading Sewing Meeting 1 doz. roller towels, 2 doz. bath towels, 11 sheets.

7th. Woodford 14 books, Seven Kings Sewing Meeting 12 nightgowns, 16 pinafores some S.H. clothes.

8th. Muswell Hill 4 shirts and some S.H. clothes, Anon. Parcel of S.H. clothes, Brondesbury 1 lb tea, Finsbury Park 2 shirts, 6 nightdresses, Walthamstow parcel of S.H. clothes, Braughing 10s, Muswell Hill 10s, Manor Park "I am very sorry I cannot be with you to-morrow at your

Annual Gathering. I hope you will have good meetings. I am enclosing 10s towards the work and trust you are encouraged by funds coming in, also by conversions among the dear children. In the midst of so much that is sad and trying what a mercy to know that the Lord's coming is drawing near each day." Whitstable £1. Placed in boxes at Meetings £10 4s 3³/₄d, Handed to me after meetings, £5 from Tunbridge Wells friend, Walthamstow 5s, Leytonstone £1 0s 6d, Finsbury Park friend £5 for Home Cot, From an old girl 6s, Codsall 10s "just a little remembrance to help the good work of the Lord with the little ones. How needful in this time of stress and strain." Isle of Wight 19s 6d, Walthamstow "Please find enclosed P.O. for 2s 6d from one in sympathy with your work for the Master in caring for the little ones, though small I hope and pray that it may be greatly blessed and added to by very many who can afford very much more." Walthamstow 7s 3d. Hove "You will remember that I told you of an elderly gentleman who stopped me in the street saying he thought he had seen me on the front with those who were preaching—He said then he would like to send you something for your motherless boys Well, I met him again and he gave me 10s for you, saying he much enjoyed hearing your testimony concerning the Lord Jesus. I am sending you the 10s now.

9th. Hadley 5s, Lambourne £1 10s, Croydon 3s 6d, South Norwood 5s, Chingford Hatch 7 chemises, 2 prs socks, 2 vests, 2½ yds print, 5 petticoats, 6 prs. knickers, 2 pinafores.

13th. Herne Bay 10s 6d, Sutton 10s, Edinburgh 2s 6d, Walthamstow 5s 6d, Worcester 10s.

15th. Woodford £1 4s 0d, Dursley "We trust you had a good time at your meeting last week and realised indeed the Master's presence and power in the midst. How precious to know He is always with us. I often look back to the happy time we had when visiting Dursley. May the Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many precious souls in these dark days, and give you and yours the needed strength to carry on your work for Him in the Home. Kindly use the enclosed 20s note for orphans in whatever way you see fit "The Lord reigneth Still." He is coming Numbers vi., 24, 25, 26."

16th. Ilford 14s, Woodford 11s.

18th. Handed to me at a Walthamstow Women's Meeting 1 guinea. Dover 10s.

21st. Muswell Hill 5 shirts, 2 vests, Woodford Parcel of S.H. clothes.

22nd. An old girl 6s.

23rd. Woodford Parcel of S.H. clothes.

24th. Regents Park 7s, Walthamstow £2 12s.

26th. Tunbridge Wells £2 10s, Woodford 8s 8d, Walthamstow 10s 6d, Puckeridge 1 guinea, From a Wanstead Sunday School 5s, Brighton £1.

28th. I.O. Wight £1 19s 0d.

29th. Regents Park £1 10s. From a Walthamstow Sunday School £2 10s, Woodford boxholder 1s 6d.

JULY.

1st. From the Lansdowne Sewing Circle 12 blouse tops, 17 white pinafores, 6 dresses, 6 prs. boys knickers, 4 jumper frocks, 2 blouses, 2 petticoats, 1 girls' skirt, (omitted from last "Links," April 1st) 14 pinafores, 12 chemises, 9 boys' shirts, 6 prs. quilted stays, 5 blouse tops, 3 petticoats, 1 pillow case.

3rd. Chingford Hatch Sunday School 1 cabbage, 5 lettuce, bundle spring onions, 2 bundles rhubarb, 13 Edwards dessicated soups, 2 table jellies, 1 pkt. custard powder, 1 pkt salt, 1 tin condensed milk, 2 tins golden syrup 2 lbs marmalade, 1 pkt. bun flower, 3 tins cocoa, 4½ lbs tea, 3 jam sandwiches, 4½ qrtns. flour, 1 loaf bread, 9 lbs sugar, 24 lbs. rice, 1 lb tapioca, 1 lb currants, 6 eggs, 2 lb haricot beans, 3 pkts. cornflower, 3 lb macaroni, 1 parcel S.H. clothes, dolls' house and furniture, box books, also 1s 6d with "I hope the few gifts sent off to you this morning will be acceptable, you must not look altogether at their monetary value, but at the motive behind, God bless you all in the work." Woodford 5 lbs marrow jam, Clapton 4s 4d.

5th. Woodford boxholder 4s 6d.

6th. I.O. Wight £5 2s, Woodford 10s, Brighton £5 with "I sincerely hope you have not found the funds falling off on account of the war. There is one thing, war or no war, the Lord knows your need just the same."

7th. Herne Bay 10s, An old girl 5s.

8th. Brighton £5.

10th. Handed to me in Hyde Park 4s, Woodford 17 lbs gooseberries.

12th. Woodford basket of turnip tops.

13th. Woodford 2 parcels of S.H. clothes.

15th. Woodford 16s 6d.

18th. Ilford 14s.

19th. Edinburgh 5s with "Just a wee

mite for your bairns." Handed to me in Hyde Park 1s.

20th. Woodford (Boot Club) £1, Woodford 2s.

24th. Woodford 10s.

25th. Leytonstone half a sack of potatoes, Leytonstone "Leslie and Norman" 2s 6d.

26th. Brighton £1, An old girl 6s, Woodford $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tea.

28th. Plaistow 5s, Leytonstone 6s.

30th. Woodford £5.

AUGUST.

1st. Croydon 2s 6d, biscuits and chocolates.

2nd. Woodford boxholder 10s 6d and 1s.

3rd. Walthamstow 1s, Eastbourne 2s 6d Anon. Parcel of pieces of cloth, Woodford dripping, ham and bread, 1 pr. boots and 1 pr. shoes, Leytonstone sack of potatoes.

4th. Woodford 2 baths of apples, also 6 bars soap, 6 doz. boxes matches.

7th. Blackheath £3 18, Chelsea 5s, Woodford boxholder 2s.

9th. Walthamstow 2s 6d, Muswell Hill 3s, An old girl 12s.

10th. London "enclosed please find £10 to help with your own personal expenses. I wish it were more."

13th. A Rev. gentleman who had been taking services in the neighbourhood during the week-end, called this morning and left 2s 6d, I.O.W. £1 19s, An old girl 5s.

15th. Woodford $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs dripping. Hithergreen 1 guinea with "Enclosed please find another £1 1s for the dear children under your care, sent as before from the children of Glenfarg Hall S.S. We remember in prayer the children in Orphan Homes very especially at this time, and pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless and help you in the grand work of caring for the little ones for Christ's sake."

16th. Muswell Hill 10s, Walthamstow parcel of S.H. clothes, Woodford basket of broad beans for H. Cot.

17th. Handed to me in Hyde Park 5s, London for Home Cot 12s 6d, A friend called and left 2s 6d, Edinburgh £5, Brighton £1 10s for Home Cot.

20th. Woodford 18 new laid eggs.

21st. 5 qrts. milk. We have five children unwell to-day. The Lord knew our need and graciously provided. Woodford basin of dripping and pieces of bacon. Brighton for Home Cot £1, Hammersmith 10s, Ealing 1s 6d, "Just a little drop." Woodford £1, Leytonstone 3s 2d.

22nd. Leytonstone "Thank you for sending "Links" I was much interested in reading same. May the richest blessing of our loving Father still continue to abide with you all in your work of faith and labour of love. Please find enclosed P.O. for 2s 6d. L.B.R. Working Party 2 morning frocks, 3 prs. knickers, Woodford $\frac{1}{2}$ lb butter, basin dripping, $3\frac{1}{2}$ qrts. milk.

23rd. Anon. 1s, Woodford 3 qrts. milk.

24th. Codsall 10s with "Better late than never. Pleased to hear the health of the dear children are so good. May you all prosper in soul, for our every need shall be supplied in Christ Jesus."

24th. Woodford 4 qrts. milk, Walthamstow 1s 6d, Hyde Park 2s, An old girl 6s.

25th. Walthamstow 5s for Home Cot. A lady called and left 10s, Woodford $3\frac{1}{2}$ qrts. milk.

26th. Woodford 2 prs. kippers for Home Cot, Clerkenwell 2s 6d, Woodford 1s 6d.

29th. Woodford lettuce, Walthamstow 3 letter files.

30th. An old girl 5s, Woodford apples for Home Cot.

31st. Leytonstone parcel of S.H. clothes.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. Walthamstow "From one in sympathy with your work" 2s 6d, Westcliff 1 guinea, Woodford 10s, Buckhurst Hill "I am enclosing you herewith 10s which I hope you will find a little help towards your splendid work among the children. I am only sorry I am unable to send more, but trust that God will bless you and your work." An old girl 1s, Crewe "I am sending 3s, I wish it was more and I trust God will bless your labour of love and that you may have the joy of seeing many of the young people giving themselves to the Lord."

10th. Edinburgh parcel of books.

11th. South Africa £2, sent specially for boots, Southampton £1, Walthamstow Parcel of clothes, Woodford basket of plums, Ilford 10s 6d, Woodford 10 5d.

15th. Stratford £1 with "Kindly accept enclosed as a little Harvest gift. For all things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee, I Chron. xxix, 14," Woodford 2s 6d. I.O. Wight, £1 10s.

19th. Woodford 1 hat.

20th. Woodford bath of apples, Woodford chairbedstead, bed and bolster, quantity of books

22nd. Ealing Parcel of clothes, Wanstead £2, An old girl 6s, Mersea Sack of potatoes, Bedford 10s with "God has so graciously

preserved us in this town and our dear one at the front in this terrible time that I have felt constrained to add to the thanksgiving a special thankoffering, part of which I am enclosing for your Home."

24th. A Woodford Harvest Festival 3 boxes Quaker Oats, 56 lbs. bread, 15½ qtrns. flour, 3 lbs. tapioca, 4 lb. rolled oats, ½ lb. cocoa, 5 pots jam, 2 eggs, 1 lb. tea, 2 lb. haricot beans, 4 lb. sugar, 24 lbs. rice, 6 lbs. jam, 18 lbs. apples, 2 marrows, 10 cabbages, 160 lbs. potatoes, 3½ lbs. beans, 1 bundle onions, 2 bundles turnips, 2 bundles carrots, 2 bundles beetroot, Chingford Hatch Harvest Festival, 2 bunches grapes, 2 lbs. tomatoes, 1 pot jam, ½ lb. cocoa, 1½ lbs. tea, 6 qtrns. flour, 3 bundles turnips, 7 cabbages, 6 lbs. onions, 55 lbs. apples, 8 marrows, 1 melon, 80 lbs. bread, 12 bananas, 7½ lbs. rice, 2 lb. cakes, 2 bundles carrots, 30 lbs. potatoes, 14 pears, Hormead Harvest Festival 1 cooked beetroot, small box fruit, 9 cabbages, 8 turnips, 25 lbs. carrots, 16 lbs. beetroot, 1 sack potatoes, 4 lbs. pears, 16 lbs. apples, 11 lbs. beans, 60 lbs. potatoes, 1 bunch onions, 7½ lbs. bread, 3 marrows, Muswell Hill Harvest Festival 3 marrows, 1 bunch turnips, 2 bunches onions, 9 cabbages, 1 melon, 8 lbs. potatoes, 1 lb. pears, 18 bananas, 1 lb. beans, 2 lbs. plums, 1 lb. rhubarb, 40 lbs. bread, 20 lb. apples, Walthamstow Harvest Festival ½ qtrn. flour, 1 marrow, 3 cabbages, 3 lbs. apples, 1 lb. veg. 1 lb. plums, Woodford bath of apples, Wanstead Harvest Festival, 2 melons, 32 bananas, 85 lbs. bread, 20 lb. potatoes, 7½ lbs. beetroot, 8 pears, 8 marrows, 9 cabbages, 5 lbs. beans, 6½ lbs. carrots, 1 lb. tomatoes, 45 lbs. apples, Leytonstone Harvest Festival, 2 qtrns. bread, 1 marrow, 1 melon, 5 bananas, 5 apples, 1 lb. beans, We do indeed praise God for this bountiful supply to-day.

25th. Hormead 2s 6d, Muswell Hill £1 1s and 4s, An old girl 6s, Leytonstone 2s, Walthamstow 3s 6d.

26th. New Southgate 10s. with "Please accept the enclosed as a Thankoffering for safe keeping during night raids, from your aged friend. Praise Him." Woodford 2s 6d.

29th. Buckhurst Hill Two bags apples.

30th. The Lansdowne Sewing Circle 12 boys' shirts, 6 nightdresses, 6 chemises, 6 pillow cases, 8 pinafores, 4 aprons, 3 dresses, 3 prs. knickers, 2 sheets.

OCTOBER.

1st. Woodford, Bath of apples, A Wood-

ford Sunday School 14 lbs jam, 1½ lbs cocoa, 3 tins condensed milk, 1 box custard powder, 1 lb. cornflour, 3 lbs. tapioca, 5½ lbs. rice, 1 lb. tea, 2 lbs. sugar, 1 bar soap, 1 lb. tomatoes, 3 bananas, 7lbs. apples, 3 pears, 1 lb. plums, 23 lbs. rolled oats, 3 lbs. tapioca, 1 box posttoasties, 42 lbs. bread, 5 lbs. beans, 3 marrows, 7 cabbages, 20 lbs. potatoes, 9 swedes, 3 lbs. mixed vegetables, also £1 5s. From a Woodford Church 18 lbs. bread, 2 cabbages, 1 bunch turnips. From a Wanstead Church 18 lbs. bread, 7 lbs. apples, 4 pomegranates, 2 pears, 5 tomatoes, 4 cabbages, 7 lbs. potatoes, 1 bundle turnips, 2 lb. onions.

3rd. Clapton 10s, Woodford 10s, Tunbridge Wells £2 10s.

4th. 1 pr. new boots for Home Cot, Lambeth 3 nurses' frocks, 1 nightdress, An old girl, 2 pr. kippers, London "I enclose cheque £10 for your own personal use."

5th. Woodford Parcel of S.H. clothes, Barkway 30 lb. salt beef.

6th. An old girl 10s.

7th. Buckhurst Hill £1, I.O. Wight £4 10s.

8th. Chigwell Row Harvest Festival 33 cabbages, 2 cauliflowers, 2 pickle cabbages, 12 beetroot, 5 heads celery, 3 qtrns. flour, 7 parsnips, 1 pear, 36 lbs. apples, 3 swedes, 6 marrows, 50 lbs. bread, 23 lbs. potatoes, 8 lbs. carrots, 5 lbs. turnips, 2 lbs. onions, 12 lbs. beans, 2 lbs. grapes and 4s 6d. Woodford, 8 lbs. bullaces.

10th. Anstey "I enclose cheque £3 19s, part of the Free Will Offerings at the Harvest Festival yesterday. We are hoping to pack the fruit this evening, thinking it would be acceptable to your large family."

12th. Anstey Harvest Festival 31 lbs. apples, 4 marrows, 5 lbs. potatoes, 5 lbs. plums, 4½ lbs. bread, 2 lbs. carrots, 1½ lbs. onions, 1 bunch grapes. Walthamstow 9 frocks, 1 doz. prs. combinations, 1 pr. knickers, 3 chemises, 3 shirts, 12 petticoats. Woodford 1 brass bedstead and hangings,

13th. Seven Kings Sewing Meeting 21 aprons, 9 pinafores. Woodford, umbrella. An old girl 1 tin salmon, 1 lb. tongue.

14th. Forest Gate 5s. with "Herewith a small donation for your Home. I think it is a splendid work and regret my present financial position prevents me from subscribing more generously." Woodford 10s 6d, Deal 10s with "Thank you so much for the 'Links' received. A living testimony surely of the truth of Phil. iv, 19. May it still be the happy privilege accorded to you to con-

tinue in this grace, altho' I am sure at times it must be a severe test of faith. 'But God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work, being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving to God' and so God gets back His own. He gives the faith and when it bears fruit it causes our hearts to overflow and our lips must tell it out. For He is Worthy. We are sending you a little love gift." Walthamstow 1 tin salmon, Woodford 1 bath of apples, 3 pots jam, Parcel of S.H. clothes, Westcliff, Parcel of S.H. clothes. From a Woodford Sunday School 7 lbs. bread, a cauliflower, 1 marrow, 8 cabbages, 12 lbs. onions, 2 bunches grapes, 7 tomatoes, 2 bananas, 4 cakes, 1 lb. jam, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. chocolate, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cocoa.

17th. Leytonstone 10s, Waltham Cross 5s, Leytonstone 8s.

18th. Leyton Bible Reading Sewing Meeting 18 aprons, 16 boys' overalls, 16 knitted caps, 12 prs. knickers 5 girls' dresses.

The ladies of this Sewing Meeting to-day came and provided tea for workers and children and a pleasant hour was spent together in the evening. This was much appreciated by all. Hainault Mission 7 cabbages, 7 parsnips, 2 carrots, 1 beetroot, 2 heads celery, 1 pickle cabbage, 1 cauliflower, 10 lbs. potatoes, 9 lbs. bread. Woodford 21 lbs. cake.

20th. London £5, given specially to purchase an outfit for one of our boys. Woodford 5s, Muswell Hill Parcel of S.H. clothes.

22nd. Wanstead 6s 10d, being offering taken up at a Women's Meeting.

25th. An old girl 6s.

28th. Leytonstone 10s 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d (contents of box), also 10s.

30th. An old girl 6s, Woodford 3s.

30th.? Leytonstone Harvest Festival 11 qrtns. bread, 1 cauliflower, 1 bunch grapes, 36 bananas, box of apples, pears and potatoes.

31st. Woodford, Boxholder £2 6s. Saffron Walden 2 guineas "With love to the Children."

Objects of the Work.

1. To receive destitute and motherless children
2. To be the means in God's hands of bringing the children to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
3. To prove that God is able to answer prayer by appealing to Him alone for funds.

Address delivered at our Monthly Meeting

BY REV. F. HARRISON, L.T.H., of Richmond.

"My Grace is sufficient for thee."—2 Cor., xii., 9.

This message has been the support and stay of believers all along the ages. It is the secret of our own perseverance. In seasons of trial, difficulty and special need, it comes with a new power. It is emphatically *the* message we need in these solemn days.

Let us emphasise the words of the text as we go along.

I. "*My* grace is sufficient for thee." Who is the speaker? The Lord Jesus Christ. This is clear, taking verses 8 and 9 together. Paul's prayer was addressed to Christ. If we pray *to* the Father, it is *through* the Son, and *by* the Holy Spirit. (Eph. ii, 18). But prayer to Christ Himself is warranted, for He is Divine. While He was on earth prayer was offered to Him. So after His ascension. Stephen addressed Him in prayer in his dying moments. Paul thus addressed Him in the passage before us. Here is an incidental proof of the Deity of Christ, and we can testify,

That Christ is God I can avouch,
And for His people cares,
Since I have prayed to Him as such,
And He has heard my prayers.

Paul addressed Him as "Lord" (v. 8). This word means Ruler—one who exercises power. Hence the expression "the power of Christ." "Lord" is no mere empty title. The grace is the grace of One who rules in power. "He is Lord of all." This is the Glorious One who says "*My* grace is sufficient for thee." (See John i, 1—5, xiv, 16—18).

II. "*My* grace is sufficient for thee." The first spiritual realisation we had was a realisation of our need of *grace*, and the need is continual. Again and again we have to come to the truth of Heb. iv, 15 and 16. Never in this world shall we get beyond the need of grace. In fact the sense of need grows deeper. When Toplady wrote his hymn "Rock of Ages," he entitled it, a prayer for the holiest believer, living and dying, and he was right. We ever need all the grace

spoken of in that hymn. We need grace every day, every hour, every moment, and when grace is consummated in glory the redeemed will through all eternity ascribe all they have and are to grace alone.

Firm on the ground of sovereign grace,
They stand before Jehovah's throne.
The only song in that blest place
Is, "Thou art worthy—Thou alone!"

III. "*My* grace *is* sufficient for thee." Not "was," "may be," or even "shall be," but "*is*." We do not need grace to be *made* sufficient for us; it *is* so. It only needs to be appropriated by faith. Here is a present assurance. There may be a deep sense of sin; there may come an hour of swift temptation; there may be overwhelming sorrow, but in *every* emergency the word is "*My* grace *is* sufficient for thee."

IV. "*My* grace *is* sufficient for thee." It is enough. There is no possibility of the supply ever failing. Its sufficiency is guaranteed by such declarations as Phil. iv, 19, II Cor. ix, 8, Psalm lxxxi. 10, Matthew vii, 7.

V. "*My* grace *is* sufficient *for* thee." This is the great point. Someone perhaps is saying, "All this may be perfectly true in a general sense, but what about the particular application? Is it true *for me*?" Yes—the Lord says, "*for thee*." Here is His care for the individual. Job had many severe trials, but read the last chapter of the Book of Job, and see how the Lord appeared for him. At the end of Job's life you may write, "*My* grace *is* sufficient for thee." So with Peter and with Paul, and it is true for *every* believer and true *every* moment. Still the old message sounds forth, "Fear thou not" for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness."

Well may our hearts respond:

I clasp the hand of Love Divine,
I claim the gracious promise mine,
And add to His my countersign,
"I take"—"He undertakes."

CHILDREN'S HOME LINKS.

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF EVERY RECEIPT ISSUED.

FROM MAY 1ST TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1916.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
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