

New York, May 4th, 1899.

Sir J. William Dawson,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I believe that a little book to be entitled "Light out of Darkness", containing the experience of God's children in affliction and temptation, would be of great benefit to many. I desire to edit such a little book, and will be greatly obliged if you will be kind enough to give me a statement of your greatest source of comfort, consolation or help in any trouble or trial through which you have passed.

I know the sacredness that attaches to these deeper experiences of the soul, leading one even to shrink from unveiling them to the world, Yet it is by doing just this that "Holy Men of Old" have extended helping hands even down to us.

It is the soul-struggles and the sorrows of David recorded in the Psalms, with the story of the divine comfort, that make them so helpful in our needs and trials. We are all aided by Paul's free mention of his own distresses and deliverances, which seem to have been recorded with the purpose he has himself expressed: "That we may be able to comfort them that are in any trouble with the comfort wherewith we ourselves have been comforted of God".

All around us are souls struggling in the night of some great sorrow. No one person's experience is broad enough to touch all their various needs, but by bringing together the experiences of a great number of God's children, we may hope to reach, with His comfort, a multitude of those who are still in need.

It is with this in view that I ask you to give me a statement with such particulars as may make the experience clear to others, and also with the text of Scripture, the verse of poetry, the book, the remark, the thought of sermon, or prayer, or any other source of helpfulness and good cheer that has come to you in any time of need.

If any profit should accrue from the publication of the little book, it will go to the support of the Rescue Mission League of Greater New York.

Cordially yours,

D. A. C. Dixon

New York, May 15, 1888.

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...containing the experience of God's children in affliction and
 consolation, would be of great benefit to many. I desire to witness
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 give me a statement of your present views of copyright, so written as
 will in any trouble or trial through which you have passed.

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 Yet it is by doing just this that "Holy Men of Old" have extended help
 down to us.

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 the Psalms, with the story of the divine comfort, that make such a help
 to our needs and trials. We are all aided by David's "True Religion"
 in our distresses and deliverances, which seem to have been recorded
 for our purpose as "true" experiences. "True" as they really are
 for all that are in any trouble with the sorrows which we ourselves
 have been comforted of God."

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...at all go to the support of the Boston Herald's paper of Boston
 New York.

Cordially yours,

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