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THERE is a solemn awe which captivates one when standing reading the "quaint old tombstone rhymas, teaching us to prize our peaceful times." Far removed from the busy haunts of men, surrounded by the bleak moorland, the only sounds breaking the stillness being the call of the plover and the occasional bleating of sheep. The wind wills even more-dolefully, and a strange feeling possesses one whilst standing with uncovered head beside the pile of stone which marks the spot where brave men have died. An obelisk has been erected close to the grave where the remains of the godly and pious Richard Cameron and eight of his faithful followers were buried after meeting death nobly and unflinchingly, at Aird's Moss, a stretch of bleak, lonely moorland, lying between the thriving little towns of Commock and Mauchline, in the county of Ayrshire.

Richard Cameron was a fearless exponent of the true principles of the Christian faith. He publicly renounced allegiance and disowned Charles II, as "a tyrant and usurper, and an enemy of the Lord Jesus." This bold statement was publicly declared at Sauchabal Cross, Ayrshire, "and was so unmiss takable in meaning that it at once aroused universal attention." He was hunted over the moors and through the glens of his beloved Scotland, until one morning, he, with a few of his faithful followers, was surrounded in Aird's Moss by a party of dragoons and they were put to death whilst defending their lives and their cause. The godly Richard Cameron was a man who, from experience, knew the blessedness of waiting upon God, and in this moment of extreme trial faced his enemies bravely with this prayer on his lips: "Lord, spare the green and take the ripe!" This is the day I have longed for. For all

of you that shall fall this day I see heaven's gates wide open to receive you." Cameron's head and hands were cut off, carried to Edinburgh and fixed on the Netherbow Port. The stone over the grave in which their mutilated bodies were buried, bears the following inscription:

"Halt, curious passerby, come here and read. Our chief triumph with Christ our glorious King; In self-defence we murdered here one to witness gainst this nation's peril.

What a charge of Holy Spirit power each one must have had, to face such a cruel death. It may seem defeat being bought of life, but it is indeed the very hour of triumph. The enemies of the cross of Christ think death is the end of all things. The godly Cameron said this prayer before he died: "This is the day that we shall get the crown."

READER, the very same thoughts possessed the minds of the wicked thorong that surrounded the cross "on which the Prince of Glory died. They thought they had seen the last of this man called Jesus of Nazareth." When the Lord Jesus Christ expired upon the cross He defeated all His foes, for His dying cry was a cry of victory: "He spoiled principalities and powers, triumphing over them in Himself." Col. ii. 15. Cruel men led by the evil one, tried to thwart God's purposes in dealing death to His beloved Son, but it was the hour of His greatest triumph. This culminating act of wickedness only brought to full fruition God's wonderful plan of salvation. By the death of Christ the sin question has been finally settled and God's righteousness vindicated. Think of God, manifest in flesh, suffering the cruel shameful death of the Cross at the hands of the creatures He had made! All other deaths sink into nothingness compared with this wonderful death. The godly Richard Cameron and the many faithful martyrs were the victims of the bigotry of a period of spiritual darkness, but the glory of the cross of Christ radiates through all the generations of time and penetrates even eternity. FRIEND, God can make you a monument to His saving GRACE if you appropriate this sacrifice to your needs. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself... For He hath made Him to be sin for us, He Who knew no sin, that we might be made
The righteousness of God in Him” (Rom. v. 19-21).

What a glorious message to sinful mankind for the obedience of FAITH. BELIEVE IT, and the humble day tabernacle in which you dwell will be made a glorious temple; that sinful heart of yours will be made a dwelling-place of God through His gracious Spirit—a new creation.

Take to heart the earnest entreaty of the godly and pious Richard Cameron: "Come, come to Jesus and never a word shall be of your sins—they shall all be blotted out.”

"The sinner who believes is free, Can say, "The Saviour died for me," Can point to the stoning blood, And say, "This made my peace with God."

W. M. Nisbet.

The Power of Prayer.

Many there are in the world to-day who doubt the power of prayer. Unsaved men and women oftentimes scoff at, and openly ridicule, praying saints; and in sadness it must be recorded, that there are many of God's own children who sometimes doubt the power of prayer, but it is as true to-day as ever it was, that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James v. 16)

The writer was very much interested in reading an article recently, to find that the godly mother of the late Richard Weaver prayed in faith throughout twenty-five long years for the conversion of his godless son. At the end of that period it pleased God to open the blind eyes, and bring to a saving knowledge of Himself that wayward son. Through the instrumentality of Richard Weaver, that much used evangelist Harry Moorhouse, was led to Christ, and at a later period it was Harry Moorhouse who was used of God in leading D. L. Moody, the world famous preacher, out of the throng of materialism into the light of the atonement. Between them, those three men of God were wondrously used in leading thousands out of darkness into light.

The foregoing ought to be an incentive for those of us who are the Lord's, to go on praying, in faith, for the conversion of our godless relatives and friends, believing that even after many days, God will give the desired answer. J.E.H.