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A man in the dumps

I. Kings 19:4, 10.

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We read over in James that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are.

When we look into his treasure house we are made to wonder if ever we possess so much power as he.

Take a look at the old prophet.

- He put his fingers in Achab's face and made him turn white. What was a King the 7th of the northern Kingdom.
- He carried the keys to heaven for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.
- He lifted the widow's dead boy to life.
- He won the great victory on Carmel in contest as to whom God would hear prayers.
- You think of him taking a quiet walk over Jordan and riding home in the chariot.

All this makes you inclined to feel that Jas was wrong in his description of him. But we read the text and we see that Elijah got in the dumps just like we do.

II. What was the matter with Elijah? He was not a natural pessimist. But we have natural pessimist

a. One woman "I feel good to-day but I always feel the worst when I feel the best for I know how bad I am going to feel when I get to feeling bad again."

b. Two little girls said, "The roses are beautiful but there is a thorn for every rose." The other said, "Nay, the roses are blooming but there is a rose for every thorn."

Mr. E. was not a natural pessimist or else his name would have been gone. Hopeful men bless us. He was a prophet he spoke forth.

A man in Beer was was put in

jail because he prophesied disasters.
He who steals my purse steals trash but he
who takes from me my sunny outlook my
expectation of the dawn takes that
which not enriches him but makes
me poor indeed. Natural pessimist
ought to be in jail.

What was the trouble with E.?

1. He was tired. The contest - there was
17 miles. Not knowing that Jezebel would kill him
a tired body yields to discouragement.
2. Lost sense of God's fellowship. Jeze-
bel's threat made him feel that he must
take his case in his own hands. This road
always leads to the purple tree. This can't
happen when we realize God's presence.
Del. Paul on wrecked ship. "By g. good cheer
there stood by me to - night the angel of God
whose I am."

I am a failure - I have lost faith
in myself. Lost faith in all men

If you do not believe a Simon can
be changed to a rock - Magdalene to
a herald of the Resurrection - that this
is a salvable world then you are due
to be in the dumps.

Elijah was not at himself & he
wanted to die. Jezebel could have fixed
that. The man & pistol.

How did God cure the blue?

1. Put him to sleep. Some need rest from idleness
2. Showed him his sin. What are you doing here Elijah? Just complaining keeping hooks on myself - E - oap O & God is your

Ill. woman missionary to Dexter - i.e. wanted to be a mother died. Planned 2nd trip intended to off 3 babies - they went.

