

Swift Travellers.

Our dead—they travel fast! Who sees them hurry past? Scarce is the farewell said, Than—where are they, our dead?

"Be Comforted."

Paul showed that he was human when he wanted to "be comforted," and that he was good, when he expressed a desire to be a comfort to others.

the skies? If so have your name registered in the Lamb's Book of Life. Do you want to feel ready to go when Death comes to take you away? If so, be ready when the call comes.

Praying in Everything

Some Christians seem to think that God is so great that nothing less than earthquakes, pestilences, wars, and famines can arrest His attention and awaken His interest.

The issue of things is greatly affected by prayer. Many a perplexed soul has come safely through his difficulties by prayer.

A boy asked for a job in a grocery store on Saturday evenings in order to earn a few pennies for his mother.

A business man in a large city tells of his perplexity when a young man, his partner, who had been connected with the firm for many years, was taken ill and compelled to take a sea voyage.

found that the business had prospered more in his absence than in his presence. All this might have happened if no prayer had been offered, and it might not.

Let no one imagine that things will always turn out according to our desire when we pray. It may be otherwise. Our desire may not be right.

The Price of Eternal Life.

There was a preacher of the Gospel who had gone down in a coal mine during the noon hour to tell the miners about Jesus Christ.

"Oh, it is too cheap; I can not believe in such a religion as that."

Without an immediate answer to his remark, the preacher said:

"How do you get out of this place?"

"Simply by getting into the cage," was the reply.

"And does it take long to get to the top?"

"Oh no; only a few seconds!"

"Well, that certainly is very easy and simple. But do you not need help to raise yourself?" said the preacher.

"Of course not!" replied the miner.

"As I have said, you have nothing to do but get into the cage."

"But what about the people who sank the shaft and perfected all this arrangement; was there much labor about it?"

"Indeed, yes; there was laborious and expensive work. The shaft is eighteen hundred feet deep, and it was sunk at great cost to the proprietor."

"Just so; and when God's word tells you that whosoever believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life, you at once say, 'Too cheap! Too cheap!'

forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of destruction and death was accomplished at a vast cost, the price being the death of his only Son. Men talk about the 'help of Jesus' in their salvation—that if they do their part, Christ will do his, forgetting or not seeing that the Lord Jesus Christ by himself purged our sins, and that their part is but to accept what has been done, and thank God for it."—The Classmate.

Giving and Getting.

God not only loves a cheerful giver, but the cheerful giver always gets his reward. That reward is generally in the richer return of spiritual good, but sometimes also the reward is in larger material good.

So the savings of some years went into those walls, but the boy did not regret the sacrifice, and the remaining six dollars were also promptly paid in.

The pastor was on at the East soliciting help for his church and mentioned, incidentally, the boy and his watch. After service a gentleman remarked to him, "I don't like the idea of that boy losing his watch."

The watch was presented at a Sabbath school celebration, the day after the church was dedicated, the pastor relating the circumstances and calling out the lad, whose head was down on

the seat before him, weeping from excessive emotion. He was a boy of fifteen, modest, but manly, and he could only trust himself to bow his thanks. But words were not needed, and there were many moist eyes in the assembly.

Begin To-Day.

Is there nothing which Christ, as your friend, your Lord, your Saviour, wants you to do that you are leaving undone to-day?

Do you doubt one instant, with His high and deep love for your soul, that He wants you to pray? Do you doubt one instant that it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all men about you who are His brethren?

No, not in quiet lanes nor in the bright temple courts, as once He spoke, and not from blazing Heavens as men sometimes seem to expect—not so does Christ speak to us. And yet He speaks! I knew what He—there in all His glory—He, here in my heart—wants me to do to-day, and I know that I am not mistaken in my knowledge. It is no guess of mine. It is His voice that tells me.—Phillips Brooks.

Patience.

Be patient toward all men. The cold hammer fashions the hot iron. He who would govern others must first learn to govern himself.

Be patient toward your brethren. Some men are slow to see into good things. They want to do right, but it takes them a good while to determine what is required of them.

To be patient you must have patience. The stream cannot flow if the fountain is dry. The fruit will not grow without the tree.

His Life Closed His Lips.

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