

rough, but genuine Christian man, lifted his head and looking those who were taunting him in the face, replied: "I know that he saved me."
 "There was nothing more to be said. He knew in whom he believed because of what he had experienced, and those around him were forced to recognize the change. That man's new life came directly from his Saviour, and was not dependent on any theory of the construction or interpretation of the scriptures. He had been raised from spiritual death, and the fact that he was spiritually alive could not be controverted.—A. H. Bradford.

MORALITY OF THE BIBLE.

The Bible does not create mortality, in the sense of originating it in the world. It is necessary to say this very often, and to emphasize it, for the sake of clearness of thought, and for the sake of fundamental truth. There is a notion abroad, and it finds frequent expression, that there is a different standard of righteousness for those who have never heard the gospel, as compared with those who have heard it; and that we therefore only increase the condemnation of the heathen by sending them a knowledge of Christianity. The argument is false, even if the proposition on which it rests were true; but that is also false. Our great business is to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, according to his very specific and imperative command, and to leave all matters of judgments and standards to him, who, as Judge of all the earth, will do right. Certainly these things have not been committed to us.

The Bible does not create morality, or holiness, or righteousness, using whatever term best expresses man's spiritual likeness to God. The obligation is upon man to be like God, because God is what he is, and because man is made in his image. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." This is an argument in the Old Testament and the New, short, clear, conclusive. There is no escaping in it. It cannot be modified, nor set aside, nor controverted. And it applies to every man that has lived or shall live on the earth. No matter how ignorant or debased he may be, or in what degrading circumstances, man, because he is man, is under obligation to be as holy as God is because he is God, man's Creator, Archetype, Redeemer, Judge.—*The Examiner.*

IT NEVER PAYS.

- To argue about religion.
- To run in debt for luxuries.
- To cherish a fault-finding spirit.
- To starve the soul to feed the body.
- To warm our hands at the devil's fire.
- To marry for money or social position.
- To offer God excuses when he calls for actions.
- To do wrong with the hope that good may come.
- To rob the stomach to put fine clothes on the back.
- To join a church that does not require something of us.
- To ridicule or criticize religious teachers before our children.
- To make professions that we do not intend to live up to.
- To send the children into the street to secure quiet in the parlor.
- To do in private what you would be ashamed to have known in public.
- To buy hogs with money that ought to buy good reading-matter for the children.—*Patriotic Advocate.*

When Your Church holds Special Meetings.

During the winter months many of the churches to which you young people belong will hold special services. In connection with these extra meetings, a question arises that our young people's society has to answer. In addition to the weekly prayer-meeting, many of these societies have a reading circle, regular social gatherings, a Bible class, and similar interests. Shall these be maintained throughout the weeks when the church is called to special consecration for a special work? Or, shall they be discontinued for the time being?

Many will say, "A properly conducted social is not antagonistic to the very highest Christian development." Others, "The reading of good literature is a necessary part of our training." While some will plead for the Bible class, holding that increased and careful study of the Bible among young Christians is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. But when all has been said, the fact remains that our strength and leisure are necessarily limited. We cannot do half a dozen things at once, no matter how earnest and energetic we may be. We should never accomplish anything if we did not choose between conflicting interests and devote ourselves to the one which seems most worthy.

The broadening out of the society work is entirely commendable. The enlarging of its interests provides scope for the varied talents of the different workers, and helps to develop symmetrically all who come under its influence. But when the church sets apart a special time for a special work, and summons her sons and daughters to her aid, it is not fitting that the young people should be too wrapped up in their own interests to respond. Let everything of less importance be set aside while all the strength and enthusiasm of the society rallies to support the hosts of Christ in their charge against evil.—*Young People's Weekly.*

THE MIRAGE OF TO-MORROW.

Show me your to-day, and I can judge of your to-morrow. If to-morrow is to be strong and sweet and beautiful, then to-day must be devoted to the development of the graces desired. To-morrow must get to be to-day before it comes to its kingdom. To-day is the golden age of your life and mine. To-day is the garden of our career. To-day the love of God broods over our souls. To-day angels come on errands of sympathy and love to weary and tempted hearts. To-day all things are possible to him that believeth. To-day Christ is ready to bestow upon you the gift that will give you power to become a son of God. To-day the air is like magic. Breathe it with faith and courage. Act not in some to-morrow vague and illusory, but now. "To-day is the day of salvation."—*Dr. Lewis Albert Banks.*

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