

wheel three or four miles to attend the meetings. Numbers add to the enthusiasm. Make it a point to get to the meeting.

Two hundred of the Boer young people of South Africa have volunteered for mission work and are training for it. In Turkey the young Christians do not dare to wear their badges or sign the pledge and constitution for fear of prosecution by the government, but they remain true to their principles. These things will give a hint of what is being done in foreign fields.

For the incidents here narrated, we are indebted to Drs. Amos R. Wells and J. R. Miller.

JUST ESCAPED A WRECK.

It is almost needless to make application of the following illustration. How many lives get off the course because of a little unravelling somewhere! Keep the heart true in the smallest matters, for out of it are the issues of life.

The infinity of detail upon which the safety of an ocean steamship depends, as well as the infinite care, which, after all, explains the apparent immunity of one or two of the ocean lines from accident, may be illustrated by an anecdote told by one of the veteran captains now commanding a favorite ocean steamship.

He was speaking of the loss of the Paris, not knowing then that Captain Watkins would take to himself the entire blame and set forth the reason for the disaster.

He was coming down the English Channel in command of his ship, one of the finest specimens of modern architecture, when he observed that one of the lights was not where it should be, if his reckoning and his compass were correct.

Fortunately, it was a clear night. He knew that it was impossible that the lighthouse could have been moved within a week, and therefore, the fault was either with the course he had laid out or with the compass.

His ship carried one of Lord Kelvin's patent compasses, one of the most delicate of instruments, and presumably one the least liable to be out of order.

Tests were made which showed that the compass was wrong, and it was removed and another one put in its place which instantly gave correct bearings upon the lighthouse, showing that the captain's reckoning was all right.

The captain spent some hours trying to discover wherein that compass failed. Neither he nor any of his subordinate officers were able to detect any fault with it.

Then the captain, using a strong microscope, found that some of the silk threads which served as a support to the compass, each thread being almost of the fineness of the spinning of a spider, had become unravelled a little, thereby causing infinitesimal knots, and these, so delicate was the instrument, had served to disarrange the compass.

Had it been a foggy night that fine steamship would have been a wreck upon the coast of Wales.—Union Gospel News.

"That they be with us are more than they that be against us." Unseen forces are the greatest; gravity, growth, steam, truth and education. Missionary work is the greatest need, as through it Jesus Christ, the greatest of all statesmen, would settle the question between capital and labor, the liquor traffic, crime, war and all the great issues that effect humanity.

A GODLY HOME.

Obed-edom made room for the ark in his house, and God blessed his home abundantly, and made it a blessing to the whole nation. The blessing which descended upon that hitherto obscure family reached up to the very throne, and then descended in showers of benediction upon the whole nation. When David heard how God had blessed his house, he was encouraged to renew his efforts to re-establish the worship of God in the capitol of the kingdom.

No home can afford to be without God's gracious presence. We need it in times of prosperity, when we are specially in danger of growing godless in character and life. We need it in times of temptation, that we may be able to overcome. We need it in times of perplexity, for "it is not in man that walketh, to order his steps."

We need it when our children are choosing their vocations and their companions and the location of their homes. We need it in times of sickness, and in times of health; in times of rejoicing, and in times of sorrow. We need it when the death angel hovers near, and when we stand by the open graveside to bury our loved ones out of our sight. We need it when we ourselves draw near to the end of life's pilgrimage.

We may all have this blessedness, if we will truly seek it. And the presence and blessing of Christ in the home will make it a benediction to the whole community.—Christian Union Herald.

THE DEAD MAN'S KEY.

A story is told of an English minister, who, being called to pray by the bedside of a dying man, sought to take him by the hand, in token of their agreement in offering united prayer. The sick man withheld his hand, keeping it under the bedclothes, and the minister prayed without it. Presently the man died, and then as his hand was uncovered the mystery was explained—he was holding in his hand with the grasp of death, a key—the key of his safe where his money was kept.

The Lewiston Journal tells of a man in Durham, Me., who was very penurious and a very determined man. He died at an advanced age. On his deathbed he kept his right hand closely clutched. As he drew his last breath he tightened his hold. Everybody there knew what he held in his hand. It was the key to the chest in which he kept his gold.

As his nerveless hands unclosed the key dropped from them, and clattered against the bedside. As if to hold it even after he was dead, the miser had tied the key about his wrist by a strong cord which he grasped as long as life remained.

He could not take his gold with him, but he kept the key. They buried him as he was, with the key to his money chest tied about his wrist.

"And what became of the gold?" "Oh, the heirs have taken care of that just the same! They split open the chest with an axe, and divided the gold, and let the miser keep the key about his wrist." He is mouldering in the grave, and the key is resting beside him. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out of it.

What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? —The Common People.

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A CAREER FOR YOUNG MEN.

I want to say to the young men who are thinking what noble thing they can do in this world, what thing that is worth while, that will live and make the world better—that something to honor God among men is the very best thing they can do. It is a noble thing to start, or help to start, a mission school in a godless neighborhood. It is a great thing to teach a Sunday-school class and put the thought of God into some young hearts. It is a good thing to find the way into a prayerless, loveless home, and tell the story of the love of Christ there. It is a great thing to take a child and put on its life the image of Christ. It is a great thing to be active and earnest in a church, helping to hold up the burning light of God's love in a community. There are countless ways in which we may start divine blessing in the world.—J. R. Miller.

"Come out and be separate," is Christ's clear command to every one who enlists under his banner. The Bible draws distinct lines, and no one can stand on both sides of the dividing line. On one side walks the Master, on the other drifts the worldling, and Christians need never expect to draw their fashion-loving, unconverted neighbors over to Christ's side of the line by compromises. If you go a mile with worldlings, you will very likely be compelled to go two or three instead. Moses wanted Hobab's company, but he said, "Come with us and we will do thee good." That is the only way to win souls to Jesus.—Messenger and Visitor.

One of the Many.

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