

"THY KINGDOM COME."

A soldier of the English army declared that they could place a proclamation given to them in the hand of every soul in the world inside of eighteen months. The church of Christ has failed to do it in eighteen hundred years. But the happy sign is that she is waking up to the consciousness that she can do it. We believe that it will speedily be done. When the Carthaginian troops were investing Rome, the spot outside the walls on which stood the tent of Hannibal, the dread invader, was up for sale at auction in the forum. After a brisk competition, it was knocked down to a citizen who bid for it a larger sum of money. He and the other bidders had faith in the triumph of their armies, although the foe was thundering at the gates. Such faith ought every Christian to have in the redemption of this whole world to Christ, since it has been given to him for his inheritance. All who call themselves Christians should see to it that the work is sustained, and should manifest the same faith in the triumph of Christ's kingdom as did those old Romans in the final triumph of their city, though the enemy had shut them up within its walls. Let us take God at his word, and work and live and give accordingly, and upon the ears of the next generation there may break the angelic announcement: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."—*Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.*

LATE TO CHURCH.

Reader, are you in the habit of being late to church? If you are, you have a bad habit, and you should strive to overcome it. Of course there are times when being late may be unavoidable, but for habitual tardiness there is really no excuse, unless it be carelessness or a lack of system. Many of those who are regularly late to church can always manage to be on time at an entertainment or the theatre. Remember this: If you persist in this habit, you may at last find yourself too late to enter the kingdom of God, and that means you will be lost. Now, dear reader, do you know any good reason why you should be late regularly in attending the house of God? If you were to make an effort, could you not be on time? Is not your constant tardiness an evidence of your indifference and lack of love for the things of God? Are you not frequently hindered from being on time because of your interest in things that do not pertain to the kingdom of God? It may be too much bric-a-brac, too much dress, too many plants, too much society, too many fancy dishes in the cooking, too much show. Do you really think it wise to spend so much time upon such things, and neglect the things of God? Do you not think that it shows a love for the world and the things of the world? John says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2: 15). Will you not pray over the matter? Will you not carefully and prayerfully examine yourself? Think of your example and influence. Be honest with God and yourself. Remember, judgment is coming. You will be there. How will you stand in the judgment?—*C. F. Ladd.*

If you had to go to heaven on the testimony of your dressmaker, could you do it?

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens.

Do professed Christians, as a rule, obey this commandment? In giving it the apostle says, "and so fulfill the law (or commandment) of Christ." What is that law? "That ye love one another as I have loved you." When a brother is overtaken in sorrow and misfortune, do we really enter into the spirit of his sadness, trying to lend a helping hand, and by word and deed seek to mitigate his suffering? What a world of good can be accomplished in this way! The following illustration, the author of which is unknown to us, is to the point:

"I once saw a picture that indelibly fixed itself upon my memory. A ragged gunner had fallen at his gun, with a mortal wound in his head, and over his lifeless body was the bent form of a ragged, forlorn, powder-smoked boy of fifteen. He had just kissed the lifeless face, and now stands with quivering lips, and grief too deep for tears, gazing into that cold-in-death face. The chaplain just then coming up, heard the heart-broken soldier-boy saying, 'He is dead, and I'm all alone now in the world.' The last of his brothers had fallen, and he was without friends or home. 'No, you are not alone,' said the chaplain, as he tenderly grasped his trembling hand.

"The first tears now began to flow down over his powder-stained cheeks. This Christian sympathy poured over his aching heart and mellowed it, and the thought of a new-found friend gave this aching, bleeding heart some relief.

"A few days after this the good chaplain gave him a Christian baptism, and through the kindness of this Christian man God raised up friends that day in the army for this homeless orphan boy, and enabled him to begin aright that Christian life which in after years was so fruitful of good. The destiny of a life, and probably many lives, turned that day upon those kind words spoken amid the dangers and smoke of battle, for they lifted a burden from a fainting heart,

'In a time of stony anguish,
When the tears refuse to fall,
and pointed a lost one of earth to Jesus.'—*The Telescope.*

A NICKEL FOR THE LORD.

Yesterday he wore a rose on the lapel of his coat, but when the plate was passed to-day, he gave a nickel to the Lord. He had several bills in his pocket, and sundry change, perhaps a dollar's worth, but he hunted about, and finding this poor little nickel he laid it on the plate, to aid the church militant in its fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. His silk hat was beneath the seat, and his gloves, and cane were beside it, and the nickel was on the plate—a whole nickel!

On the previous afternoon he met a friend, and together they had some refreshments. The cash register stamped thirty-five cents on the slip the boy presented him. Peeling off a bill, he handed it to the lad, and gave him a nickel tip when he brought back the change. A nickel for the Lord and a nickel for the waiter!

And the man had his shoes polished that same afternoon, and handed out a dime without a murmur. He had a shave, and paid fifteen cents with equal alacrity. He took a box of candies home to his wife, and paid forty cents for them, and the box was tied with a dainty bit of ribbon. Yes, and he also gave a nickel to the Lord!

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the man worships him as Creator of the universe, the one who put the stars in order, and by whose immutable decree the heavens stand. Yes, he does, and he dropped a nickel in to support the church militant!

And what is the church militant? The church militant is the church which represents upon earth the triumphant church of the great God.

And the man knew that he was but an atom in space, and he knew that the Almighty was without limitations; and knowing this, he put his hand in his pocket, and picked out the nickel and gave it to the Lord!

And the Lord being "gracious and slow to anger," and "knowing our frame," did not slay the man for the meanness of his offering, but "gives him this day his daily bread."

But the nickel was ashamed, if the man was not. The nickel hid beneath a quarter which was given by a poor woman who washes for a living.—*Unidentified.*

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There is a good deal of foolish sentiment on the subject of turning children against church-going. About the surest way to do that is to turn them over to their own devices on Sunday until they are past the age when habits are easily formed. They will be turned against church-going pretty effectually by that time.

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