

The Home

THE UNCONVERTED CHOIR.

BY ROWLAND HILL.

In solemn ranks behold they stand,
Selected as a choral band;
While o'er their tuneful notes they glide
Only to gratify their pride.
But how impossible to sing
The praise of our most holy King,
Till hearts are tuned by grace divine
To celebrate such love as Thine!
And which of all the choir can say,
'We've lips to praise and hearts to pray?
But how can praise or prayer be found
Where sin and wickedness abound?
And how disgraced the cause of God
While such profane Christ's cleansing blood,
That bids all hateful sin depart,
When grace divine renews the heart!
What strange hypocrisy and guile
Must that black sinner's heart defile
Who imitates an angel's song
With such a heart and such a tongue!
And O, what scandal and offense
Proceed to God's dear throne from thence,
While such with hearts and lips profane
Pretend to celebrate His name!
Let silence seize that lying tongue
That can presume to lift its song
Before that great heart-searching God,
Whose awful sin-avenging rod
Might send the sinner down to dwell
Amid the darksome shades of hell.
Great God in mercy yet impart
Thy powerful grace to cheer the heart,
Thy powerful grace to change the heart,
And make such sinners meet to shine
Where angels chant their songs divine.

DON'T WORRY.

In accomplishing your day's work you have simply to take one step at a time. To take that step wisely is all that you need think about. If I am climbing a mountain, to look down may make me dizzy; to look far up may make me tired and discouraged. Take no anxious thought for the morrow. Sufficient unto the day—yes, and for each hour in the day—is the toil or the trial thereof. There is not a child of God in this world who is strong enough to stand the strain of to-day's duties and all the load of to-morrow's anxieties piled upon the top of them. Paul himself would have broken down if he had attempted the experiment. We have a perfect right to ask our heavenly Father for strength equal to the day; but we have no right to ask him for one extra ounce of strength for anything beyond it. When the morrow comes, grace will come with it sufficient for its troubles.—*Theodore E. Cuyler.*

WHAT I SAW TO-DAY.

MARIA WATERBURY.

Here comes a woman with a big mastiff dog following her. I can't help wishing that woman was this moment in India, where mothers and their babies are starving for want of cornmeal they can't get.
"Humph!" says a friend, "that's not half the story—that woman paid \$50 for that mastiff."
"She wears a dead bird in her hat, too."
"Yes but it's a free country ma'am!"
I wish it were so free that birds might have their freedom as well as the women. Oh, my rich sisters, will you please stop buying mastiffs and poodles, and dead birds? and in the course of the year see how many famine orphans you can help with the money you spend on these worthless things? My sisters, you who wear dead birds and feed a \$50 mastiff, so as to company with dogs—"Without are dogs"—do you know that there are homes for orphans in Armenia that are supported by missionary labor,

where children who are eating grass roots, and eking out a miserable existence, can be taken in and cared for at less than two cents per day? And do you know that in India, where thousands are dying of starvation, one penny a day will keep one person in food?

Dear rich friends, do as you would be done by and stop making people ashamed to see you feeding a pet dog more beef steak during a year than it would take to keep a starving soul comfortable. Turn ye from your idols and begin to know your privilege, and find your luxury in doing good, "Turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein. Who will render to every man according to his deeds. Rom. 2 6.—*Polo III.*

A HOME FOR YOUNG MEN.

There has been inaugurated in the city of Haverhill, a new movement, by a well known business man. Its motive is suggested by the above heading. Last October, Bro. Isaac W. Hanson, seeing the sin and misery all about him, was moved to open a place, where the men and women who wander up and down our streets, night after night, might find the way up and out of it all. He was literally sent by the Spirit, out into the high-ways and byways, to gather in the lost ones. A band of workers immediately rallied round him. He first located on Emerson St.; well filled rooms and the many seeking for pardon and cleansing proved the LORD was in the work. In February last the Lord caused our Brother to move to Washinton Square, to open up a work much needed to be done among the young men of our city. At first he shrank, but the Spirit plainly said, "Thou art the man, *this* is the way, walk ye in it." By faith Bro. Hanson started out on this line, called a business meeting of the workers and those interested and told them what the Lord had revealed unto him. They came up grandly to the help of the Lord in this work. He secured the two entire floors above that occupied by the Mission, had them thoroughly renovated and improved and opened a Christian House for young men. The rooms will be rented at reasonable rates, to such young men as desire a decidedly christian place in which to live. The surroundings will be pure and wholesome, and they will have a home with its privileges and comforts, an earnest christian woman has been secured as matron. Eight or ten rooms are available for renting, besides those occupied by the matron. As this enterprise is devoted entirely to the interests of young men, it is earnestly hoped it will prove a helpful shelter to many of those who come from *christian* homes and are strangers in our city, and that these souls, by the pure clean influence of the Home and the Mission connected with it, may be kept from the snares and pitfalls that so thickly bestrew the way of the young man entering city life. God has wonderfully blessed the work, and the people have generously donated money, bedding articles of furniture etc. toward the furnishing of the rooms. There is far greater need for such a Home than is generally known. Our young men are exposed to many temptations, especially those who are compelled to make their home in lodging houses, many of these houses being dens of iniquity and the gateway to hell.
All who are interested in the welfare of young men, and the cause of Christ, must heartily endorse this movement. Many a mother's boy, may by its influence be kept pure and true, who otherwise might fill a drunkard's grave.
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WITHOUT A GOD.

Two little girls were talking together. One of them said something about God.

"There isn't any God, said the other, "My papa says so and he knows."

"But there is," said her companion. "But"—after thinking a moment—"may be your papa hasn't got a God, and that is why he thinks there isn't any."

Then she went on to tell the other about her papa's God,

"That's nice," said the little girl whose father said there was no God. "I wish—very thoughtfully—"my papa had a God."

Her father—the man who had no God—heard the conversation between the children, and he began to think the matter over as never before. Without a God! He felt alone in the world and friendless when the full meaning of the words struck home to him. Had he been mistaken? Was there a God, after all?

Night and day he thought about it. "I am in the dark," he cried. "If there is light, let me find it." And he did find it.

The other day he heard his little girl say to her friend: "Oh, I'm so glad! My papa's got a God too now!", and he thanked the God he had found for the childish words that set him to thinking what a terrible thing it is to be a man without a God.—*Selected.*

SWIFT TO HEAR; SLOW TO SPEAK.

L. M. CHRISTMAN.

How often our joy in the Lord is marred because we speak before we think. How much is lost by a word spoken not in line with the Holy Ghost. Be still, keep quiet; know that he is God; remember the words of your Master, 'if they smite you on one cheek turn to them the other also.' If you are the Lord's never mind your reputation, your character; they are in his hands. Are you wronged; have you not as good a place as some one else, not a word, hush be it yours to be meek and lowly, simple gentle and kind, and rest with him. Be still and know God, no murmuring, no complaining, no jesting, no unclean or unkind expression to anyone. As you would like others to do to you, do so likewise. Speaking too quickly often makes trouble. Be quiet, listen what the Spirit has to say to you; obey him, realizing that he careth for you. Restlessness, fretting and worry will make His abiding place unpleasant, and He leaves the soul. Do not strive, try nor cry, but trust. We sometimes think so hard, pray so hard, that we become disquieted and noisy, and with it drive Him away; therefore be eager to hear when He speaks, for His voice is soft and sweet. Ask no questions, but obey. Disobedience will grieve, disturb, and frighten away the gentle Dove, and we need Him so much, to take to Him all our cares both great and small. Quietness and confidence in him brings to the soul a joy unspeakable.—*Holiness Era.*

A minister who had been discussing, through a long series of sermons, the relations of religion and science, on coming to the pulpit one Sunday morning, found a card laid upon the Bible, with this Scripture on it, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." The preacher took the hint, and devoted himself to an earnest presentation of Jesus as the Saviour of men. Four Sundays had he presented this theme with increasing interest and fervor. On the fifth, entering the sacred desk, he found another card, and on it was written, "Then were disciples glad when they saw the Lord."—*Selected.*

Temperance

AND OTHER TOPICS. Selected.

A LESSON ABOUT A TUB.

Samuel Heibich was an eccentric and most devoted German missionary in Western India nearly a half a century ago. Here is a sample of one of his quaint addresses in one of the chaplaincies in India.

He read the fourth chapter of Ephesians, and expounded it till he came to the sixteenth verse, which he read slowly, and repeated the words, "fitly shoined togeder."

He paused a few seconds and abruptly put the question, "Did you ever see a tob?" This homely appeal roused the audience and caused a smile to pass over every face.

"If you go to P—(a factory in the neighborhood) you will see some fery large tobs. You and I cannot make a tob; it requires a cood carpenter to make a tob, or it vill hold no vater, because it is not made of von peece of ood, but of many, and de many must be fitly shoined togeder. Dere are four tings to make a cood tob.

"1. It must have a coot bottom.
"2. Each of de peeces must be fitly shoined to de bottom.

"3. Each von must be fitly shoined to his fellow.

"4. Each von shall be kept close by the bands outside.

"Von peece may be narrow and de next peece be vide, yet it shall be a cood tob; but if a leetle shtone or bit of shtick vill come between de peeces, it vill not do at all; and if all de peeces but von touch, and are fitly shoined togeder, and dis von fall in or fall out of de circle, it is no tob at all. Now, if vee haf a cood bottom, and efr yee peece be fitly shoined togeder from de top to de bottom, haf vee now a tob? No, it will not hold vater for von moment till de bands are put on. De bands press hard on each peece of ood, and den are dey more fitly shoined togeder.

"Oder foundation can no man lay dan dat is laid vich is Jesus Christ.' Here vee haf de cood bottom for our tob. It is perfect, and efr yon dat truly believes is resting on dis cood bottom, and is fitly shoined to it by de Holy Spirit of God.

"Dere are many who call demselves Christians who are not so shoined, but vee are not speaking of dem now.

"In the Acts of the Apostles vee read often of being 'filled vit de Holy Ghost,' and den ven gardered togeder for prayer vonce de whole house did shake vid His power. Shust so now He fills vid peece and shoy de soul dat loves de Lord Jesus, and likewise de company gardered togeder in His name, Sometimes! not always. Vy not always? Vee shall see. Vat is de shmall shtick or shtone between de peeces of ood dat make de tob? It is de leetle quarrel, de hard word, de dirty bit of money, dat keeps broder from being fitly shoined to broder. Vat is de space between de peeces troo vich you can see de light? It is de coldness dat you feel but do not tell. De major's wife and de captain's wife vill bow, but not speak or greet each oder as formerly, because vispering has come between dem. Vat is de peece of ood that falls out de circle? It is de proud, unforgiving spirit dat efr yon can feel in de meeting, and vich causes all heavenly peece to run out. You are fery sorry dat you have no blessing and you leave the meeting because it can do you no cood. You stay at home vit de debil, and become dry indeed.
"Oh, beloved, be fitly shoined togeder! You haf no power of your own. Dat vich shall keep you is de encircling bands of de love of Jesus

from head to foot, and as dis power presses on each of you, so vill you become yet more closely shoined togeder. Den de Holy Spirit shall fill you to overflowing. Den all who come into your midst shall be refreshed, and de name of de Lord Jesus be glorified! Amen.—*Christian Alliance.*

EPWORTH LEAGUE TOPIC FOR MAY 16.

"A GOOD NAME."—Prov. 22; 1. *Anniversaay Sunday.*

A good name may be forced from our enemies as Daniel and Christ did.

Our good name is our personal influence, and this is our stock in trade for Christian work.

A good name will only be permanent as it is really deserved by godly character.

We have no right to be indifferent to the wise estimate of us by good people.

A powerful good name must include a good judgement as well as a good heart.

The loving favor of God is best of all.—*Standard*

Do you feed on finishing God's work, (John 4: 32-34).

A church silent on the question of temperance discredits itself as much as a church silent on the question of dishonesty.—*Joseph Cook.*

The Protestant Church, in spite of the enormous immigration of the past twenty-five or thirty years, is growing a great deal more rapidly than the Roman Catholic. There are now seven Protestants in this country to one Roman Catholic.—*Guide to Holiness*

Dr. Nansen told an interviewer that he took no intoxicating liquors with him on his recent Arctic expedition. His experience, he said, has led him to take a decided stand against the use of stimulants and narcotics of all kinds.

"Since the Scripture declares that we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, we can be almost absolutely certain that when people object to the testimony to the saving power of the blood of Jesus, they are influenced to this by Satan."—*Selected.*

When the Holy Ghost is not honored, the preaching of the word and the prayers of the people are only a form without life. It is the design of the Trinity of the Godhead, as revealed in the sacred scriptures, that the Holy Ghost must be honored. God is a Spirit and as such he must be worshiped. The holy Ghost inspires all real worship. The inspiration of the Almighty must be on all preachers of righteousness. The word comes with power when the preacher is under the Holy Ghost.—*Selected.*

It would be as reasonable to speak of an honest thief, a sober drunkard, a truthful liar, as of an angry Christian, a proud saint, a doubting believer or a troubled Beulah-dweller. The children of God are governed and controlled by the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto them. They manifest the spirit of love in all they say or do. They have the meek and lowly mind which was in Christ Jesus. They walk in all meekness, long-suffering, goodness and brotherly kindness. Where these things are not manifested there is none of the grace of God.—*Selected*