

## Not Steward, but Grace.

No crown, no palms for me!  
These are for victors in the fight; but I  
Have been the vanquished one in every field;  
O Saviour! who hast hope for such revealed,  
Low at Thy mercy-seat behold me lie.

Turn not Thy face away!  
Deal not in wrath with Thine unworthy child!  
Yes, I have sinned, yet there is grace with Thee!  
Thou givest mercy, pardon full and free,  
To fallen wanderers on the desert wild.

No thought of triumph now!  
That dream is over. Rest is all I crave;  
A little peace, after such deadly strife,  
Some leaves of healing from the Tree of Life—  
A glimpse of hope and heaven beyond the grave.

And for what yet remains  
Of my sad pilgrimage, grant, O my God  
Meek, humble faith, to suffer and be still;  
Meekly to watch Thy hand, to do Thy will;  
Humbly to bow beneath Thy chastening rod!

Dark stream of life, rush on  
To the eternal ocean full and fast,  
If only o'er the waves may fly the dove  
Of heavenly peace, and beckon from above  
To where a pardoned soul shall rest at last  
—Translated from the German.

## Cheap Religion.

REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

Things that are exceedingly cheap, are often a cheat. The best fabrics require skilled labor, and that which costs but little is apt to be worth but little. A character that will stand the wash and the wear of this world, and be the passport to a better world, is not to be had for nothing. The very word "free grace" may be misleading. Because our Divine Redeemer gave himself voluntarily to his great work of purchasing our ransom by his precious blood, and because he offers salvation to all "without money and without price," it does not follow that a holy character, and heaven, too, are to be had for nothing. Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a "treasure hid in a field," and to a "goodly pearl"; neither of them were to be got without paying a round price for them. The merchant who wanted the precious pearl went and sold all that he had, in order to secure it; in like manner those who would secure the treasures of spiritual blessings in Christ must part with everything that would shut Christ out of the heart.

It is the wretched mistake of many people that they seek for a cheap religion. I have heard well-meaning ministers declare that it is "just the easiest thing in the world to become a Christian." They talk as if a Gracious God had provided a free gospel-train, by which everybody who chose to come aboard could be transported on comfortable cushions as "dead heads" to the Celestial City! Such cologne-water preachers utterly ignore that solemn declaration of our Lord, "Whoever will not take up his cross and follow me, can not be my disciple." They make no allowance either for the stubborn depravity of the human heart, or for the temptations of the devil, or the sin poisoned atmosphere through which every Christian must fight his way to the prize of his high calling. "Strive to enter into the straight gate," is the invitation of our Master. He knows what it costs. Pungently but truly did grand old Samuel Rutherford say: "Many people only play with Christianity, and take Christ for almost nothing. I pray you to make the seeking of salvation your daily work. If ye never had a sick night, and a pained soul for sin, ye have not yet lighted upon Christ. Look to the right mark; if ye love our Saviour better than the world, and would quit all the world for him, then that proveth that the work is sound."

The very first step towards a genuine, solid Christian character is repentance of sin. The key-note of Christ's ministry was "repent!" There was a logical necessity in this; for no man can cleave to his sins and lay hold of Christ with the same hand. I doubt whether any person ever makes a strong grip on the Lord Jesus until he feels the need of one who can save him from his sins. No one takes medicine until he realizes that he is sick. When David's eyes had been opened to be, hold the loathsome depravity of his own conduct, he is not content with any cheap compromise; he cries out with intense earnestness, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity." He was ready to be thrown like a filthy garment into the cleansing vat, and to be rubbed and pounded until the frightful black spots were washed out of the fabric of his heart. Through repentance is proved by thorough reformation of both character and conduct; the one is what we are, and the other is what we do. Cheap conversions make cheap Christians. The shallow "conversions" that are the outcome of shallow, sensational preaching commonly end in very shallow and short-lived religion. Bad habits are

not pulled up. Old haunts are not forsaken. The new emotion dies out; but it does not leave a new man. The Holy Spirit has no hand in such conversions; they are a delusion and end in bitter disappointments. The plant that is set out in the Church, "having no depth of root, soon withers away." We ministers can not be too urgent in exhorting sinners to flee speedily from their sins to the Saviour; but we also can not be too careful in admitting persons into the Church. Thorough sub-soil conversions make solid Christians; cheap and easy professions end in hollowness of heart and hypocrisy of life.

I fear that there is quite too much cheap religion in our churches. It will not stand the pinch of self-denial. It is very willing to go to church when the weather is fair, when the roads are good, when the music is fine, when the preaching is attractive—and does not tread on its corns. It prates about "liberality" in doctrine and creeds; but when a contribution-box heaves in sight, it shrinks up, and buttons its purse. Mr. Gough used to tell the story of the glib exhorter who boasted in the prayer-meeting that "his religion cost him only twenty-five cents a year." "The Lord have mercy on your stingy soul!" exclaimed the minister. Cheap religion is scripping the salaries of hard-working pastors, is starving mission boards and all Christian charities, and is turning off the claims of Christ with the candle-ends and the cheese-parings. It kills the fatted calf for its own table, and offers the poor "crow-bait" for the Lord's altar. The punishment of such petty larcenies is that their perpetrators become mere crow-baits themselves, and never taste the joy by which liberal souls are made fat.

Let us be done with cheating that munificent Saviour who poured out his life for our redemption! If our Christianity is worth anything, it is worth everything. The closer it cuts up our selfishness the better. The most precious things cost the most; and he is the rich Christian and the happy Christian and the useful Christian who is anxious to have the "pearl," even if he pays dearly for it.

## High Time to Awake out of Sleep.

Starting on a new year it can scarcely be imagined that any Christian can be so stolid or lethargic as not to indulge in some solemn thoughts. Memory will bring the past in review, and we cannot avoid some concern as to the trend of our lives. Another year, we know, has gone. Whatever of evil or wrong was done in it, by example or deed, cannot be undone. Whatever of good was achieved will abide. Not enough, however, do we bear in mind that though years pass away the characteristics we have borne will be likely to remain with us. "All our yesterdays live in us to-day." This year will be like the past. Habits formed, whether for good or evil, do not change with the numerals of the years. Unless there is constant, prayerful effort on our part, 1891 will be in no respect better than 1890.

But does any Christian man or woman read these lines without a conviction that this year ought to be better than its predecessors? We believe that all, no matter what attainments the past may have witnessed, will concede that this year their lives ought to be marked by more spirituality and earnest Christian service.

The apostle was addressing Christians when he declared that, "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." The attainments made were put out of sight, and all thoughts were concentrated on what was to be done. When we consider the mighty motives which urge Christians to diligence and note the average of consecration and earnestness manifested, we must conclude that the great majority may be reckoned as not half awake. They lack an adequate conception of their responsibilities and privileges. There may not be a torpor of every power, but there is no such concern and endeavor as the occasion demands. While we may hope as Christians that we "do not sleep as do others," yet, alas, there are too many who are not alive to duty, and who, at the best, are only dreaming of what they should do, rather than giving themselves to its accomplishment. Christ has promised great rewards to faithful laborers in his service. Deep sleep must have fallen on the disciple when he is indifferent to such gracious assurances. There is something better than being "saved, yet so as by fire." There are talents which may be so used that grand rewards may be obtained. While every crown is the purchase of Christ and utterly unmerited by man, yet there is to be a recompense according to works. It is not humility and indolence which causes a man so to live that he does not press forward to gain

the grandest honors Christ holds out to his followers.

The motives to activity in our Christian life, whether they relate to the purification and elevation of our own hearts and lives or the promotion of the good of others, gain augmented force with a new year. So much time has been lost and so little remains that we need to give all possible diligence to whatever our hands find to do. Our great need is watchfulness. A traveller on a railroad passing through a country remarkable for the beauty of its scenery being asleep will miss it altogether, and wonder as he hears others rapturously describe their delight in its contemplation. A professor who is allowing himself to be slothful will lose the richer experience of Christian life. And certainly if he is not wide awake opportunities for serving Christ, edifying the brethren and converting sinners will not be grasped and utilized.

Much is said of this age as one especially demanding the noblest Christian living and working. The like has doubtless been said in preceding centuries, but we do know that the times in which we live are not such that we may be at ease in Zion, resting softly on the promises and seeking only religious cordials for one's own soul's comfort. There is a work to be done in us and done by us. The command rings out: "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion." We shall have no strength save as we "awake out of sleep," and the best preservative of strength is in its constant exercise in whatever things will glorify our Lord and serve his cause.—*Chris. Inquirer.*

## Young People and the Unsaved.

BY EFFIE A. KNOWLTON.

A glorious field of opportunities awaits the young Christian. "Ye are the light of the world"—therefore every child of God, though feeble in early strength, can help illuminate the dark places of this world by earnestly striving to do as the Master directs. Around you are souls thirsting for the waters of everlasting life. Here is your opportunity to lead these perishing ones to Jesus Christ, and the living fountain. As you meet your young friends in the social gathering, God alone, the searcher of all hearts, knows how many of these gay ones are inwardly craving the "bread of life." As the natural appetite demands food to sustain the body, so to every soul there comes at times a longing to partake of that "spiritual food" which came down from heaven.

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you"; and again, "No man can serve two masters." The frequenter of the ball-room cannot be a lover of the prayer-meeting; nor the attendants at a theatre the humble followers of Christ. "Come out from among them and be ye separate," implies a denial of worldly pleasures which always leave a sting, for a life "hid with Christ in God." The eyes of the unsaved are earnestly watching the young Christian, and marking every inconsistency. Oh! let not your thoughtless conduct bring reproach upon the cause of Christ.

As false signals lead to destruction, so may your mistakes cause some weak one to choose the wrong path. From experience, I know it is hard at times to espouse our Master's cause among a thoughtless company—but even the "cup of cold water" Christ will not despise.

Neglected opportunities not only follow the young Christian through this earthly life, but may cause sorrow throughout eternity to some unsaved soul.

"Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these, my brethren, ye did it not unto me." As Peter denied his Lord and Master so may we also merit that look of sad reproof. The daily walk of the young Christian should show to unbelievers that there is a refining beauty in religion which keeps the soul in perfect peace when the mind is stayed upon God. "Yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord." The invitation to attend the prayer-meeting, the prayer however feeble—the simple "word for Jesus"—none of these will escape the Master's eye, and oh! how sweet to know at the close of day that "we have done what we could." It may be a simple song of praise to God that may be used by him as a means of converting the unregenerate.

Young Christians should realize that text, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price," and consider the ransom paid for our salvation—Jesus Christ the holy son of God. "Let your lips speak forth his praise," and let songs of trifling character remain a stranger to your lips. "The widow's mite" was more acceptable than the costly gifts; so in like manner, the young Christian's journey to heaven is made up of little things. It is merely "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do—do it with thy might." "Cast the net"

at Christ's command. "Ask and it shall be given." The souls of the unsaved are more precious than diamonds, yea the cost, the worth of a soul is beyond compare. "This world is not our home." The eventide will soon approach, and the crowns await the redeemed. God grant there may be no starless ones for the young Christians who read this, but may each hear the welcome "Well done." "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—*Standard.*

## God's Winter Plants.

One of the papers tells of a newly-discovered flower. It is called the snow-flower. It has been found in the northern part of Siberia. The plant shoots up out of the ice and frozen soil. It has three inches in diameter. They grow on the side of the stem toward the north. Each of the leaves appears to be covered with little crystals of snow. The flower when it opens is star-shaped, its petals being of the same length as the leaves and about half an inch in width. On the third day the extremities of the anthers show minute glistening specks like diamonds, which are the seeds of this wonderful flower.

Is not this strange snow-flower an illustration of many Christians? God seems to plant them in the ice and snow, yet they live and grow up out of the wintry cold into fair and wondrous beauty. We would say that the loveliest lives of earth would be those that are reared amid the gentlest, kindest influences, under summer skies, in the warm atmosphere of ease and comfort; but the truth is that the noblest developments of Christian character are grown in the wintry garden of hardship, struggle and sorrow.

Trial should not therefore be regarded with discouragement, as something that will stunt and dwarf the life and mar its beauty. It should be accepted, rather, when it comes as part of God's discipline, through which he would bring out the noblest and best possibilities of our character.

Perhaps we would be happier for the time if we had easier, more congenial conditions. Children might be happier without restraint, without family government, without chastening—just left to grow up into all wilfulness and waywardness. But there is something better in life than present happiness. Disciplined character in manhood, even though it had been gotten through stern and severe home-training, is better than a childhood and youth of unrestrained with a worthless manhood as the outcome. A noble life bearing God's image, even at the price of much pain and self-denial, is better than years of freedom from care and sacrifice, with a life unblest and lost at the end. "To serve God and love him is higher and better than happiness, though it be with wounded feet and bleeding hands and heart loaded with sorrow."

It is well that we understand how to receive trial so as to get from it its hard experience the good it has for us.

For one thing, we should accept it always reverently. Resistance forfeits the blessing which can be yielded only to the loving, submissive spirit. Teachableness is the unvarying condition of learning. To rebel against trial is to miss whatever good it may have brought for us. There are some who resent all severity and suffering in their lot as, unkindness in God. These grow no better under divine chastening, but are only hurt by it. But when we accept the conditions of our life, however hard, as divinely ordained, and as the very conditions in which for the time, we will grow the best, we are ready to get from them the blessing and good intended in them for us.—*The Westminster Teacher.*

## The Royal Law.

It is the Apostle James who takes Christ's great commandment, to love one's neighbor as one's self, and sets it forever before the Christian world as the "royal law." And is it not worthy such characterization? Is it not truly a royal law? Think of the royal qualities of character which it involves—the nobility of soul, the breadth of interest and love, the graciousness, the willing acceptance of the representative nature of the individual, who merges self in the good of the many. It takes a royal soul to be thoroughly unselfish.

The first law which the young Christian should write upon the tables of his heart is this royal law of universal love. It is fundamental to Christian usefulness. Work for others without love for others, is like trying to start up a roomful of machinery with no fire under the engine-boiler. Love is the great motive of service. The is no good which you cannot do for others, if you only love them deeply enough.

Put the royal law of love into your efforts to make the world better. Show every man, woman or child whom you are trying to help, that you come to them, not in any perfunctory or offi-

cial way, but because your heart is really full of the divine fire of Christian love. Love means humility; be humble. Love means self-abnegation; be unselfish. Love means sympathy; be tender-hearted. If you have the true, out-reaching spirit of Christian love to all, your work cannot fail to be successful and blessed of God.—*Z. H. Reid.*

## A Test of Character.

The use which one makes of money is a touch-stone of character. On this point Dr. J. H. Worcester remarks in his book on "The Power and Weakness of Money":—

"Tell me how a man spends his money, and I will tell you what the man is. Is he a miser, is he a sensualist, is he controlled by his domestic affections, is the love of display his ruling passion—is he a worshipper of art, is he a philanthropist, a reformer, is his soul on fire with the love of Christ? His cash-book, if only it be truthful and minute enough, will tell the story. Money is simply opportunity, and character is always shown by the use of opportunity. Money is raw material for any fabric at the pleasure of the owner. In the things to which he converts it he reveals himself, as the sculptor reveals himself in the shapes he impresses upon the plastic clay."

"We sometimes test our children at Christmas time by a present of money in lieu of other gifts, watching to see what they will do with it, and according as it goes for candy or for books or for tools or to the savings-bank or to the mission-box, we not only forecast their future, but regulate our own subsequent liberality to them, trusting them with more or less as they thus reveal their fitness or unfitness to be trusted. And do we never reflect that this is precisely what our Heavenly Father is doing with us—trying us with a little of the unrighteous mammon, that we may show whether we are fit to receive the true riches?"

## Random Readings.

In the kingdom of grace the man of prayer is the man of power.

Guard well thy thoughts; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—*Young.*

When the law of God is in our hearts, our duty will be our delight.—*Henry.*

The coveting of qualities is always right, and coveting of things always wrong.

We live not to live; our life is not the end of itself, but the praise of the Giver.—*R. Libby.*

When the service of the Lord seems hard it is because we are imperfectly performing it.—*L. P. Moore.*

Every man hath a weak side. Every wise man knows where it is, and will be sure to keep a double guard there.—*Mason.*

"What is truth?" said Pilate to Jesus usually, and did not wait to receive an answer from one who was the "Truth and the Life." Like many others, he had no special anxiety to have his own question answered. He was far from being a serious and earnest inquirer after truth.

Kind words produce their own image in man's souls, and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his unkind feelings. We have not yet begun to use them in such abundance as they ought to be used.—*Pascal.*

The fruits are often gathered a long time after the sowing and planting; the man who looks for them too soon is unreasonable, and makes himself uncomfortable. If we only know they are sure and will come in their proper season, we should be satisfied.

Christianity is a help in business. God issues a bond: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." When we fulfill the requirements, when we meet the conditions, we may be certain that God will pay the bond.—*Rev. J. O. Peck.*

## Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

A CASH PRIZE.

The proprietors of Burdock Blood Bitters will give a prize of Five Dollars for the cleverest and best essay, (not to exceed 100 words), upon the merits of B. B. B. as a cure for disease. The competition will close Jan. 1st, '91, after which the successful essay will be published, (with the author's name if desired). They will also pay \$1 each for any of the essays they may select and publish. No restrictions. Try your skill, and address.

T. MILBURN &amp; Co., Toronto, Ont.

There is no Evaporation or Deterioration in strength about Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. The ingredients of this incomparable anti-rheumatic and throat and lung remedy are not volatile, but fixed, pure and imperishable. Pain, lameness and stiffness are relieved by it, and it may be used with equal benefit externally and internally.

Men and women prematurely gray and whose hair was falling, are enthusiastic in praising Hall's Hair Renewer for restoring the color and preventing baldness.



## INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

1890. WINTER ARRANGEMENTS. 1891.

On and after MONDAY, 24th Nov., 1890, the trains of this Railway will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows:—

## TRAINS WILL LEAVE ST. JOHN.

Day Express for Halifax and Campbellton	7.10
Accommodation for Point du Chene	10.40
Fast Express for Halifax	13.30
Express for Sussex	16.30
Fast Express for Quebec and Montreal	16.55

A parlor car runs each way on express trains leaving St. John at 7.10 o'clock, and Halifax at 7.15. Passengers from St. John for Quebec and Montreal leave St. John at 16.55 and take sleeping car at Moncton.

The train leaving St. John for Quebec and Montreal on Saturday at 16.55 o'clock will run to destination, arriving at Montreal at 18.05 Sunday evening.

## TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

Express from Sussex	8.30
Fast express from Quebec and Montreal (Monday excepted)	9.35
Accommodation from Point du Chene	12.55
Day Express from Halifax	19.20
Fast Express from Halifax	22.30

The trains of the Intercolonial Railway to and from Montreal and Quebec, are lighted by electricity and heated by steam from the locomotive.

All trains are run by Eastern Standard Time.

D. FORTINGER,  
Chief Superintendent  
Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,  
20th Nov., 1890.

## Canadian Pacific Railway.

NEW BRUNSWICK DIVISION.

All Rail Line to Boston, &c. The Short Line to Montreal, &c.

## ARRANGEMENT OF TRAINS

In Effect October 12th, 1890.

## Eastern Standard Time.

## LEAVE FREDERICTON.

6.20 A. M. — Express for Fredericton Junction, St. John, intermediate points, Vancouver, Seagor, Portland, Boston, and New York.	St. John, 10.45 A. M.; St. Andrews, 11.15 A. M.; Fredericton, 12.15 P. M.
10.30 A. M. — For Fredericton Junction, St. John, and all points east.	St. John, 10.30 A. M.; Fredericton, 11.30 A. M.
3.15 P. M. — For Fredericton Junction, St. John, etc.	St. John, 3.15 P. M.; Fredericton, 4.15 P. M.

## RETURNING TO FREDERICTON.

From St. John 6.30, 7.35, 8.40, 10.40 P. M.; Fredericton Junction, 8.10, 10.40, 12.10 A. M. 6.25 P. M. — Canadian Express.	St. John, 10.45 A. M.; St. Andrews, 11.15 A. M.; St. John, 12.15 P. M.; St. Andrews, 1.15 P. M.; St. John, 1.45 P. M.; St. Andrews, 2.15 P. M.
--	--

## ARRIVING IN FREDERICTON.

9.20 A. M., 1.20, 7.20 P. M.
------------------------------

## LEAVE GIBSON.

6.20 A. M. — Mixed for Woodstock and points north.
--

## ARRIVE AT GIBSON.

5.10 P. M. — Mixed from Woodstock, and points north.
--

H. P. TIMMERMAN, Gen. Supt.  
C. E. McPHERSON, Dist. Pass. Agent.

**WORMS** FOR THE REMOVAL OF WORMS FROM CHILDREN AND ADULTS. DR. SMITH'S GERMAN WORM LOZENGES. Always prompt, reliable, safe and pleasant, requiring no after-treatment. Never fail. Leave no bad after-effects. Price, 25 cents per box.

## 1888 UNIVERSITY 1888

New Brunswick and all COLLEGES in the Maritime Provinces.

The Plays of Moliere, at Hall's Book Store.  
The Works of Corneille, " "  
The Works of Chateaubriand, " "  
Turrel's Lecons Francaises, " "  
Fajola's French Class Book, " "  
L'Annuaire Francaise par F. P. B., " "  
Le Luthier De Cremona, " "  
La Joie Fait Fureur, by De Girardin, " "  
Canales Avec Mes Elèves par Sauveur, " "  
Salisbury's Primer of French " "  
Spir and Surennes French and English Dictionary, " "  
French Tresser by De Porquet, " "  
Sequel to French Tresser by De Porquet, " "  
Elementary French Grammar, " "  
Duval, " "

**M. S. HALL**  
Next door to Staples' drug store, Fisher's Building, Fredericton.

## GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS

Just received (Direct Importation).

4 CASES Guns and Rifles, as follows: Winchester Magazine and Single Shot; The Marlin Rifle, full and half magazine, Double Barrel Break Loading, price from \$10 to \$40; Simple Shot do; Muzzle Loading Guns, double and single, price from \$4 to \$10. The above are the best value that ever came in my store, and an intending purchaser would do well to call and examine the above named stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Also a full and complete stock Sporting and Rifle Powder, Shot, Shell and Caps, Pouches, Belts and Cartridges, Primers, Gunlocks, Revolvers, Gun Cases, Covers and Bags, Shells loaded to order.

Wholesale and retail, at NEILL'S Hardware Store.

## BLACKSMITHS' COAL.

JUST received one woodboat load Green's Blacksmith's Coal. For sale by the barrel, chaldron or car load, at NEILL'S Hardware Store.