

They are for the welfare and education of residents who have a place and are known in the community. For them and for their children the churches live and die. In their practical work they have found impossible to hurl into the air, associating, as must needs be, in law and social gathering, crowds of men whose characters, habits, and homes are wholly unknown. Much is to be regretted, and greatly as it differs from the spirit of the early church, yet it is nevertheless true of most of the largest, strongest and best churches in all our large cities."

The church in its membership, throws its roots out into the community, and lives by assimilating the humanity to which it is planted, it grows by transforming men, dead in sin, into the living likeness of Jesus Christ, thus lifting them up and glorifying them. And when the church ceases thus to assimilate, ceases thus to transform death into life, it naturally begins to die—it must die unless it is transplanted.—Dr. Josiah Strong, in "The New Era"

But we must not be too pessimistic. Christ has many congregations in the land that have not bowed their knee to Baal. Christian Endeavorers, must take the lead in living the Christ life. We must have a broader, deeper conception of the mission of the church—that Christ died for all men, and that God is no respecter of persons; but every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. Acts x. 34, 35. Christ has promised that the gates of Hades will never prevail against the church, but that it will stand forever.

"The kingdoms of earth pass away, but the kingdom of heaven remains, it is built on a rock and the Lord is its king, And forever and ever He reigns."

Sept 9—The Alternatives John 16:21; 31-36.

An alternative limits our choice to two things. By the acceptance of the one we reject the other. Between them there is no middle position. This power to choose or reject, places man under a responsibility, the far-reaching consequences of which are eternal. The momentous importance of this power ought to arouse the most indifferent. Man is a wonderful being. He is so richly endowed by his Creator, Shakespeare might well say of him: "In apprehension, how like an angel; in comprehension, how like a god!" He holds his destiny in his hand. Reason should lead him to accept that which will benefit him, not only in this world, but in the world to come.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ—God's power unto salvation—is perfect in that it appeals to the mind, moves the heart, and actuates us by the holiest of motives to accept of eternal life which is so mercifully offered us. The alternatives presented to us in the Gospel are plainly set forth. There is no uncertainty as to the consequence of accepting or rejecting.

1. Liberty or bondage. We are in slavery, sin had so woven its web around us, that we were powerless to escape. Christ came. He fought the enemy, overcame him, and now offers us freedom. He invites us to come to Him and enjoy the exalted privileges and the precious blessings of liberty. No other power is able to liberate man from such slavery and to elevate him above the power of Satan. The freed man becomes God's son, and abides in His house for ever, but the slave is cast out. John viii. 31-37. It is impossible to serve two masters. Luke xvi. 13, 14.

2. Life or death. It is either one or the other. Eternal life is offered us by the crucified and risen Lord.

Rom vi 23. To reject it is to reject the friendship of God. James iv 4. To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God. The pleasures of the world soon pass away but the pleasures of Heaven never cease. 1 Peter i 4.

3. The friendship of the world, or the friendship of God. James iv 4. To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God. The pleasures of the world soon pass away but the pleasures of Heaven never cease. 1 Peter i 4.

4. Darkness or light. John iii 19.

5. Christ or Satan. John iii 36.

Sept 10 Human longings and their satisfaction. Isa lv 1-13.

There is implanted in the human heart a desire to worship. Man has the faculty of veneration. Philosophers, in classifying man have recognized this propensity of humanity, and have denominated him a "religious animal." History past and present verifies this statement, that whenever man is found, and in whatever condition, "He worships something which he believes to be endowed with the attributes of a superior being."

When man once departed from the worship of the one true and living God, he failed to find elsewhere satisfaction for his desires. To supply the deficiency he invented other objects of worship, and endowed with divine power, and attributes things animate and inanimate. Thus he endeavored to satisfy the longings of the soul by a multiplicity of gods. This has led, as in India, to the invention of over 300,000,000 of gods, and yet the human heart cries for the joys of sin forgiven. What then does satisfy man's longings?

1. Not nature. This fails to meet his needs. Nature has no power to speak peace to the human breast. Man is conscious of guilt. In his communings with nature he finds nothing that will remove this sense of guilt. He not only longs for some voice to say, "Thy sins are forgiven;" but he wants something beyond this life to which to anchor his hope. Nature is silent, "She rolls a great store to the door of the sepulchre. The clay lips of the grave do not open to disclose what lies beyond."

2. The world fails to satisfy man's longings. The pleasures, wealth, and all things else which this world is able to offer are transient. Instead of satisfying, they bring vanity and vexation of spirit. It is spending "money for that which is not bread, and labor for that which satisfieth not." Isa. lv 2; John vi. 27.

3. Man finds every desire satisfied in God through Christ Jesus. Christ not only offers pardon, but cleansing. Our sins are forgiven, removed from us forever, and provision made for our continued imperfection. 1 John i. 8-10.

Do we long for life after the grave, we find the longing satisfied in Christ. The Gospel is perfect. It meets every want, and satisfies every desire. We may go to it in the full sunlight of prosperity, or in the night of adversity. Every longing of the human soul is satisfied in Christ Jesus.

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Rev. Benjamin Hills, Pugwash, N. S., writes: "In a word I may say that K. D. C. has helped me more than anything else I have ever used. I had been bilious from childhood; for several years had rarely passed a week without a severe attack of bilious colic, with intense pain at the back of the head. These attacks usually followed my Sunday work. Since I began to use the K. D. C., I have scarcely had any return of biliousness and the attacks

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**Young People's Work.**

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The Endeavor Society in London has pledged itself to raise the sum of seventy-five dollars for the church debt. This speaks well for a society in a church which three years ago had but three young people in its membership, and answers the contention of some that the Endeavor movement is characterized by enthusiasm, but not by works.

There were two confessions at the Endeavor meeting of the Church of Christ, St. Thomas, Aug. 17th. A deep interest prevails in the meetings, and the outlook hopeful.

We have much pleasure in presenting to our readers interesting dispatches from International Bridge along the line of Junior Endeavor work, and extend our greetings to this young society, and trust and pray that the principles of truth and righteousness planted in these young hearts may grow and ripen into a glorious fruitage.

St. Thomas has had the honor of having Bro. J. Z. Tyler as its guest for a few days. On Sunday morning, Aug. 19th, he addressed the Disciples on the word "grove." It was just brimful of practical truths. In the evening he spoke to a union meeting of Disciples and Baptists at the Centre St. Baptist Church, his theme being "Oneness in Christ." On Monday evening the C. E. Local Union held a mass meeting in Knox Church. Bro. Tyler gave a stirring address and would recommend all, especially those who are skeptical of Endeavor work, to carefully read his analysis of the pledge and reason for being an Endeavorer. We are indebted to the St. Thomas Journal for a condensed report of the meeting.

[Our space will not permit the publication now of the report referred to. EDITOR.]

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, J. C. E.—At a recent meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian Church in this place, Miss Ruby House was chosen as superintendent, and Miss Bella Hall assistant superintendent of Junior work, and these sisters at once set to work to organize a Junior Endeavor Society. On July 14th a society was organized with five members, and it has grown until it now numbers twenty strong. The meetings have not only grown in numbers, but also in interest, and we look forward to greater and better things in this branch of the Lord's work. We trust and pray that these prayer meetings for the children may be the means in God's hand of leading many young hearts to confess and obey their blessed Master.

The following are the officers for the coming six months: President, Miss Ethel Bowen; Vice-President, Master Henry Jones; Secretary, Miss Lottie Dunn; Treasurer, Miss Annie McCosh.

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