

of brotherly love—hereafter, in one common participation of eternal joy.

A precious stone.—More precious than rubies—the pearl of great price, and the desire of all nations. Precious with regard to the divine dignity of his person, and the unequalled excellency of his mediatorial offices.

A sure foundation.—Such as no pressure can shake—equal, more than equal to every weight, even to sin, the heaviest load in the world. *The rock of ages*—such as never has failed, never will fail, those humble penitents who cast their burden upon the Lord their Redeemer—who roll all their guilt, and fix their whole hopes, on this immovable basis. Or, as the words may be rendered, *A foundation! a foundation!* There is a fine spirit of vehemency in the sentence, thus understood. It speaks the language of exultation, and expresses an important discovery. That which mankind infinitely want—that which multitudes seek, and find not—it is here! it is here! This, this is the foundation for their pardon, their peace, their eternal felicity.—*Hervey.*

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL.

This fearlessness of evil as to the future, this power of contemplating without alarm the passage through the deep waters of trouble, and through the valley of the shadow of death, is the privilege of faith, and the blessedness which belongeth unto the adoption; and were we duly sensible of the magnitude, and the fulness, and the freedom of the unspeakable gift which God has given to his Church in giving Christ Jesus, and all things in Him; and in giving the Holy Spirit, to make all these things ours; and did we seek unto the Lord with holy confidence and bold requests for the very largest, chiefest, yea, for all the blessings which his precious blood has purchased, we too should say with David, "I will fear no evil." Where our fears do not arise from our worldly dispositions and worldly compliance—from our inconsistent lives, and unsanctified tempers—from our grieving the Holy Spirit by an unholiness; they spring, and, therefore, in the broken-hearted and sorrowful contrite ones, do arise from legal fears and a want of realising the exceeding great and precious promises which are their rightful portion, and not from any will or purpose in Jehovah, that they should be thus fearful. Oh, God would have us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made his adopted free. He would have us fear no evil, since no evil can ever reach those around whom Jesus throws his everlasting arms, and for whom he sanctifies every dispensation, and causes all things to work together for good.—*Rev. H. J. Owen.*

RELIGION IN DAILY BUSINESS.

THAT a solemn sense of the majesty of God, the benignity of his nature, the benevolence and wisdom of his providence, and the riches of his grace, should thoroughly possess our souls, when sitting in the earthly courts of the Most High, hearing an exposition of the oracles of the living God; when engaged in the morning and evening exercises of the family altar, and when in the more secret communion of the closet, is readily admitted by all who make any pretensions to religion. But that these feelings should be inwrought into the very texture of the soul, constitute part of our nature, and paint the image of heaven upon every action of life, is a theology which few practically believe. Yet this is the theology of the Bible—"Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long," not merely during the devotions of the morning and evening, or when a friend converses with you upon the subject of religion, but constantly, "all the day long." Thus religion must be a habit—not merely an ornament to throw on at particular times, when circumstances seemed to demand it; but the daily and hourly attire of life. Many professors of religion, as soon as sabbath is over, and the daily periodical worship of the family is performed, throw over them the costume of the world, and so completely conceal the garments of righteousness, that they can mingle with the world in all the busy transactions of life, from day to day, and from sabbath to sabbath, and the world not know that they are citizens of another country. There is a despicable deception about this, unworthy the character of a citizen of heaven. Are they ashamed of their royal robes, and yet good citizens of the heavenly kingdom? This cannot be. No true subject will be ashamed of the royal court. Here, then, is the test of your loyalty—

will you wear the garments of righteousness, to distinguish you as the children of God, and subjects of the Great King, constantly uncovered, in the shop, at the counter, on the farm, and in all the walks of life? That you should do so was the design of Him who clothed you so richly; and they are garments better adapted to all the lawful business of life, than the garments of worldly mortality.—Thus, to incorporate religion into every action of life; will save us from wounding our conscience, from dishonouring our profession; it will calm us amid the perplexities of life, and greatly augment our religious enjoyment and fellowship with God.—*The Presbyterian of the West.*

COME, LORD JESUS.

COME Lord Jesus, as a counsellor to guide us, as a rock to support us, as a friend to comfort us, as a fountain to supply us; come, Lord Jesus, in the day of fulness, and make us thankful; in the day of want, and make us contented; in the day of our sin, and make us penitent; in the day of our affliction, and make us patient; in the day of temptation, and make us confident; in the day of sorrow, and make us joyful; in the day of health, and make us mindful; in the day of life, and make us watchful against the day of death; in the day of sickness, and assure us of the blessed issue of our pilgrimage; in the day of death, and translate our souls into a glorious life. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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WITH our last number terminated the first half-year of the existence of the *Christian Mirror*. Through a variety of difficulties, we have been kindly sustained and encouraged by the Christian public generally; and we have much pleasure in announcing, that the patronage extended to us has considerably exceeded our expectations. Our subscription list is steadily increasing, and we continue to receive from our Agents and others the most cheering and encouraging accounts of the manner in which the work is appreciated by our numerous readers.

We believe we can safely lay claim, in the conducting of this journal, to an impartial and a sincere desire to contribute to the spiritual improvement of the public at large,—our object being, not to proselytise to any one section of the Church of Christ, but simply to impress upon the minds of those who profess to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, to whatever body they may be attached, the ABSOLUTE NECESSITY of *experimental piety* and *practical godliness*—without which all religious profession is worse than useless, and can never bear the scrutiny of the Great Judge. We are fully of opinion, that the consistent walk and holy deportment of professors of religion, would do more towards the spread of vital godliness in the world, especially in those parts which have been favoured for many years with the blessed Gospel of the Son of God, than thousands of gold and silver. Our ardent prayer is, that all our readers may be enabled so to act, as to convince the world around, that the religion of the Bible alone can afford that happiness which all are desirous to experience.

In the accounts published in the *Mirror* from time to time, of the progress of religion in the world, we may have seemed to lean to the operations of particular sections of the Church. But should the labours of any have been overlooked, or but partially noticed, in our columns, the circumstance has arisen, not because we estimate them less than the labours of other denominations, but from a want of information respecting their operations. We shall at all times be happy to publish accredited accounts of the advancement of the Re-

deemer's kingdom, by whatsoever instrumentality effected, should such information be furnished us.

It shall be our constant study to render our journal still more useful and interesting; and we confidently hope, that by increased operation on the part of our Agents and friends, (which is most respectfully solicited,) the circulation of the *Mirror* will be materially extended.

We have struck off some extra copies of the present number, so as to meet the cases of those who wish to subscribe. An early application will secure the work from the commencement, as a few sets are still on hand.

For the following account of the Religious Anniversaries, lately held in the Wesleyan Chapel in this city, we are indebted to the *Register*:—

CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Fifth Annual Meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, 25th January. The attendance was good, and evinced an increased public interest in this too-little known Society.

An interesting report was read by Mr. J. C. Becket, the Secretary, by which it appears great good is being done by the Union, in aiding new schools where formerly none have been, and which without the help afforded by this Society, could not have existed for want of the indispensable requisite of books.

The benevolent income is more than double that of the former year, although yet small, when it is considered that the benefits arising from the effort of the Sunday School Union may be multiplied without limit.

Fifty-two of the Libraries supplied by the Religious Tract Society, London, at half price, have been sold during the year, and are much prized in every quarter. The Rev. Messrs. Eason, Taylor, Wilkes, Crofts, Carruthers, of Montreal, and Mr. Fox of Granby, severally addressed the meeting; urging the utility and efficiency of this Society, and the necessity of giving a religious education to the youth of our land, and the importance of union and co-operation in order to attain this most estimable object. For the establishing of new schools, and the aiding of weak ones, very considerable funds are necessary; and we would commend to the liberal support of Christians of all denominations the Canada Sunday School Union.

MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Twenty-first Anniversary of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Wednesday, January 26. The Hon. Peter McGill, the President of the Society, in the chair. This was perhaps the largest and best annual meeting that has yet been held by this very important Society. The communications and handsome place of worship was well filled, and the proceedings were listened to with unwearied attention until a late hour.

From the report it appears, there is a steady progress in the various departments of the Society's business; its sales and its gratuitous distributions have also been augmented during the last year.

The first Resolution was moved by the Rev. H. Eason, in an admirable speech, and seconded by the Rev. Wm. Thomson, in a short address, given in an excellent spirit. The Rev. J. Girwood supported the Resolution, and dwelt upon the superiority of the Bible to every human creed or system, and the incalculable value of the glorious Gospel it reveals.

The second Resolution was moved by the Rev. W. Squire, in a solemn and impressive address, followed by the Rev. C. Strong, who pronounced a well-merited eulogy on the Parent Society, and was very happy in his illustrations throughout a well delivered speech.

The third Resolution was moved by the Rev. M. Willoughby, of Timby Church, who urged, with much effect, liberality in sustaining the Society's operations. This Resolution was seconded by the Rev. J. J. Carruthers, with his usual ability; but we were sorry to see that this gentleman was hampered for want of time. The Rev. Robert Cooney followed with a tact and