

boon of the Lord's day. May He continue it to His church until He come!

The instincts of the divine nature would lead every true Christian to honor and love the Lord's day, and to set it apart, in the most reverent manner, for the worship and service of God. The very thought of any one, professing to love Christ, engaging in business or unnecessary travelling, on the Lord's day, would, in our judgment, be revolting to every pious feeling. We believe it to be a hallowed privilege to retire, as much as possible, from all the distractions of natural things, and to devote the hours of the Lord's day to Himself and to His service.—C. H. M.

### THE GOSPELS.

There is no portion of the Scripture that we are more familiar with than the four Gospels, and is it not true that we feel how little we have truly fathomed them? Who can worthily portray the perfection that you find there? who can fully set forth the wonders in the character of the blessed Saviour Himself? We need to be learners, to take up that with which we have been most familiar since our childhood, and learn something of the wonders exhibited for our hearts, and for God's glory. The clothing we wear is a blended material; the very light is made up of many rays of various colors, perfectly blended together, giving as a result one ray, by which we see all things clearly. So it is in the four Gospels; there is no question that it is the blessed Person of Christ that

is presented to us in all its wondrous fullness, and that Person is presented to us in all its varied characters, in such a way that we get a full and not a partial view of Christ; we get a divine view of what He is, and not merely a human view.—S. RIDOUT. Treasury of Truth.

HE IS AMONG SINNERS.—Where else should He be? Where should a physician be? Not at balls, in gay society, in festive scenes. Where should a physician be, but where pale faces lie, and sighs and groans are heard? Where should a life-boat be, but on the top of the foaming billows, making for the wreck where men are perishing? Where a warrior be, but in the bloody breach, in the front and thick of a battle? and where a Saviour be, but among the lost and the perishing? "This man receiveth sinners." That taunt was our Lord's highest glory, as it is my only hope and comfort. Unless Jesus receiveth sinners, heaven receives not me.

What will characterise all those who will walk devotedly, in the closing hours of the church's earthly history, will be profound reverence for the Word of God, and genuine attachment to the Person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The two things are inseparably bound together by a sacred and imperishable link.

"The Lord God is a sun and a shield." Yes, He is both—all the brightness and warmth and glory of the sun, and all the protection of the shield. The Lord is both for His people. Let us turn our faces toward our Sun, and rejoice in God, and let us hide from our enemies under His protection, and be at peace.