

that jewel the sky of a benighted earth, and serve to guide its weary pilgrims heavenward. All, then, may, and all should, be useful. The humblest disciple may speak a word for Jesus. The poorest may cast a mite into the treasury of the Lord. The weakest in their faith may plead with a power that will remove mountains out of the Gospel's way.

My brother, you may, if you will, do much good in the world as you are passing through it. You may put honour upon God, bless society, and work out your own salvation. In the great day of a coming judgment, a benediction will be pronounced by the Son of Man upon many in such terms as these: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." By a diligent use of means and opportunities, with which you are so amply supplied, you may make that happiness yours. Will you not?

THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

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THE parable of the Good Samaritan, is it not an allegory?

A certain man
went down from Jerusalem

to Jericho,
fell among thieves,

who stripped him,
wounded him,

left him half dead.
There passed by a priest
a Levite,
on the other side.

A certain Samaritan

as he journeyed
came where he was,
had compassion,
went to him,
bound up his wounds

pouring in oil

and wine;

sat him on his own beast,
took him to an inn,

when he departed.

Two pence
host;
what thou spendest more,
when I come again,
I will repay thee.

You or I
fell away from the
"City of Peace"
to a city cursed of God;
fell into the power of him
"who was a murderer and a
robber from the beginning,"
and of other evil spirits,
of his innocence,
with the fiery darts of the
wicked,
body living, but soul dead,
the moral law,
the ceremonial law,
they on the side of perfect
obedience, he on the side of
disobedience and imminent
death.

One Jesus, despised of the
Jews.

coming down from heaven,
put himself in his place,
"who loved us,"
seeks out the wanderer,
"to bind up the broken-
hearted,"

to soothe ("the oil of joy for
mourning,")

to cleanse and sanctify; so
making glad the heart,
supported him by his grace,
a church, the communion of
saints.

"It is expedient for you
that I go away." "I go to
prepare a place for you."

The Law and the Gospel,
a good minister of Jesus Christ,
health, happiness, life,
a Second coming,

"Behold, I come quickly; and
my reward is with me, to give
every man according as his
work shall be."

DODGING THE COLLECTION.

ONE day, as I was listening to a sermon on behalf of a local charity, a woman sitting near the pulpit attracted my attention. This woman had been nodding her head with approbation all the time the minister was preaching; but especially during that part of the sermon in which he was pleading so earnestly for the children. No one could have seen her without expecting a substantial donation at the door. She was also one of the loudest of the singers of the hymn;

An indescribable thrill, however, which passed through me, gave me immediately to understand that I must make up my mind to be disappointed; and a glance at my companion's face confirmed me in my apprehension. Judging from appearances, this lady could have very well afforded to give; but she passed out without putting a fraction on the plate. Not even a sixpence for decency's sake, did she bestow. It was not the churchwarden's fault, however. This gentleman was a very experienced collector; and occasionally shook me a little, so that I made all the little fourpennies and sixpences jump, by way of reminding such as were forgetful, that there was such a thing as a plate at the door. I was never so shaken, however, as when this lady approached me. The fact is, the churchwarden knew her well. It was only about two months before, when a sermon for the Missionary Society had been preached, and a hymn was being sung, while the plate went round from pew to pew (which was sometimes the case in our church) that it reached this very individual, just as she was singing out with all her might—

Fly abroad, thou glorious Gospel.

The churchwarden was determined not to let her off, so he kept poking the plate in front of her, while she on her part kept singing out, "Fly abroad"—"fly abroad"—but ah! she gave nothing to help it to fly. But there are many such as she. She was only one of a class who flatter with their mouths, but are untrue in their hearts; perhaps she thought she had done her part by joining in the hymn, and nodding her head during the sermon; but it would have taken a great deal of this work to have paid off the debt on the schools.—Rev. P. B. Power, in "Reminiscences of a Church Plate."

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

The Wonders of Creation, and other Poems. By Matthew Josephs (o Jamaica). (London: Longley, 5s.) A volume of verses, we can hardly say poetry, very pretentious, and, as a maiden effort, praiseworthy. The most noticeable feature is, perhaps, the author (whose photograph adorns the front piece), who is, we believe, the first native of Jamaica who has ever published a complete volume of this kind.

Morning Beams from the Sun of Righteousness. Meditations on Scriptural Holiness. By E. J. A. (London: Longley, 1s. 6d.) The title is a happy one, and the meditations well written. For each day we have, tersely and pointedly given, meditation—motto—prayer—promise—praise. The get-up of the book is all that could be desired.

The High Places of the Bible. By the Rev. John Thomas. (London: Longley, 3s. 6d.) Mr. Thomas has chosen a very interesting subject for the theme of his book, and right well has he done the work. The writing is clear, forcible, and attractive, and while the author is in no wise wanting in fervour, he has very skilfully interwoven much poetry and grace in his narrative.

St. Botolph's; or, Sundays Long Ago. (London: Stock.) We have been greatly pleased in reading this little book. It is simply yet intelligently written, and is brimful of lessons and hints which Sunday-school teachers, for whom it is intended, would do well to take to heart. Seldom have we read anything more winning in its style, while the author seems modestly unconscious of his power. We suppose from the style of binding the book is a cheap one; but as publishers will not quote the prices when sending books for notice, we cannot say definitely.

We should never learn to interpret duty by success. The opposition which assails us in the course of obedience is no evidence that we are mistaken.—*Newman Hall.*

He who would surely know that Christ is his, must seek to be able with his whole heart to confess that the "life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

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