

love, find their way into the ark; but what will become of the merely awakened—in our judgment, far the greater part? Who will care for those into whose souls light has been but let in in straggling rays? who only see men as trees walking? What would have become of Saul of Tarsus, if friendly hands had not led him, in his blindness, down the street called Straight, in Damascus, to the house of Judas? or if some loving Ananias had not laid his hands on him, and led him into the church and fellowship of the believers? How many have professed conversion no one can ever tell, and how many are the children of God is only known to Him who calleth them by name and leadeth them out. So far as we dare conjecture, we think there are a great many, and especially of young men, who were better cared for, from several favourable causes, than the rest. Young men will find each other out, and their sympathies flow more easily than the other multitude, separated by distance, age, sex, and circumstance.

#### PEW-RENT AN EVIL.

One other point of interest demands a word. This revival demonstrated the folly and wickedness of our present-church architecture and arrangements, if we mean by them to save the multitude. This itself is worth all expended, if the Church by it will get either heart or sense. The Church of Christ has been managed in Philadelphia for years by boards of trustees, in many instances, and according to the policy of mammon; ministers have been called and dismissed, to suit the financial policy of this legal, and often heartless corporation; and the very invocation and “amen” of the church has been pew-rents; and so if the pews were secure, the preacher could tickle the fancies, the choir could gratify the tastes, and the world could go to the devil. Whether this shall be

abandoned or not, depends on the piety of the institution; but that it has been spotted, and is shown to be leprous, is abundantly apparent. We must come to greater simplicity in our worship. Expensive choirs will henceforth lie in the wrecks of the past. The sooner pious men carry them and their operatic songs to their burial, the better for Christ and a dying world. And the sooner we have larger and less expensively managed churches, the better. And the sooner we have enough of the love of Christ to cease making the Church, and the place men sit in it, the measure of their social standing, and instead, look upon men and women perishing as our brothers and sisters, and consider how much they have cost Christ, and glorify Him by helping them to see of the travail of His soul, the sooner will we live to some account, and when we die, be numbered among the blessed.

#### STRIKING MOVEMENT IN ABYSSINIA.

We have seldom read, says the *Sunday Magazine*, anything more interesting and remarkable than the account of a religious movement in Abyssinia, contained in a memorial transmitted from the persons concerned, to the Bible Society, and relative explanations in the *Bible Society Monthly Reporter*. It is a very singular illustration of the manner in which the gospel of peace often follows in the tracks of war, and the sword becomes the forerunner of the Word of God. In 1868, when good Christian people felt very strongly that, along with our army, we ought to send something else to Abyssinia, a large number of Bibles were despatched thither, and through some channel unknown, and possibly undesigned, a considerable number of these Bibles reached a