

"God hath not appointed us to wrath."
1 Thessalonians v. 9.



"IN DANGER."



NE evening, a labouring man in Detroit, United States, thought he would walk home by the side of the railroad. He required, however, to cross the railway track, and, in so doing, found his foot caught fast in what is called a "frog," and all his efforts to extricate himself were unavailing. Of course it was all his own fault and folly, —he had taken a forbidden path. There he was, pulling this way and that, wrenching and twisting; but the "frog" held fast his boot and his foot.

An hour had passed. He heard the whistle of a train in the distance. In his bag or bundle he had a match-box and papers; his walking stick furnished a pole; and on the top of it the papers were placed, ready to blaze up as the danger-signal whenever the train should come near. The rumble of the heavy train was more and more distinct; now or never his signal must catch the driver's eye. He struck his match; the flame blazed up brightly.

The wind made the flame sway right and left all over the track. His signal had succeeded; he heard the whistle for brakes. There was the hiss of steam, and the heavy train came to a stand; but its great light was shining down upon the man, and the advance of a few feet more would have been death. He was released just in time. He had been face to face with death.

Unforgiven sinner, your position resembles this man's. You have taken forbidden paths; your own folly and sin have set you down in a condition of tremendous danger. It is written, "His own iniquities shall take the wicked, and he shall be holden by the cords of his sin" (Proverbs 5: 22). Judgment is coming.

What will you do? Your *unforgiven sins* have fixed you so that you cannot escape. They grasp your soul and keep you fast till the Judge comes. One thing only will avail, one thing only will attract the attention of the Judge and arrest judgment. It is this: *hold up the Blood of Him Who* "once suffered for sins" (1 Peter 3: 18). Nothing else will catch the eye of the Judge; but this will, for He has said, "When I see the Blood, I will pass over you." There is no time to lose. Every week brings the Judge near. Hold up at once the atoning sign, the Blood that says, "I have died already, I have paid what was due;" and thus you are delivered. You will return home in peace, no more to walk as before on the track of sin and death, but singing the new song, the song of the Redeemed, who, like yourself, were taken from the fearful pit (Psalm 40: 2, 3).

DR. A. A. BONAR.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"We trust in the Lord our Gcd."
2 Kings xviii. 22.