

*INDECISION.*

"I never realised before that indecision was in reality opposition," said a young man, after listening to a sermon from the words, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

"There is no middle ground," said the preacher. "You are this moment choosing to serve God, or choosing to oppose him. The mere failure to choose his service leaves you in opposition. 'He that is not with me is against me,' are words from the lips of the Saviour."

For weeks this young man had considered himself a-seeker after truth, ready to receive Christ whenever the way became plain; but these words convinced him that his indecision was keeping him in the company of God's most bitter opposers.

From that day he was a changed man. Placing his will on the side of God, he found his faith taking hold of the promises, and soon he was walking in hopeful and loving communion with the Saviour.

Reader, has *your indecision* thus far kept you from that peace which those who choose right may enjoy?—*E. C. E.*

*DO THE WORK NEAREST TO HAND.*

There are two things which young men should not do. They should neither procrastinate nor anticipate. I have sometimes said to students when they have been going to college: "Now, do not anticipate; keep to the studies of the session; attend to the particular thing which you have to do at the present hour, and leave to the next the business of the next; do not neglect the duties and studies of this particular session, by involving yourselves in the investigation of subjects which will all come in due order." That is very injurious as well as procrastination. The great thing is, to do neither the one nor the other, but wisely to understand, that every day is to come with its burden; if you put each day's burden on your back, you will bear it with ease and vigour, but do not put two burdens upon it in one day.—*Rev. T. Binney.*

BETWEEN Christless culture and Christianity a bridge of accommodation can no more be built than between light and darkness; and woe to him who undertakes this.—*Christlieb.*

No affliction would trouble a child of God, if he knew God's reasons for sending it.