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### Great Privileges.

**I**F ever a city enjoyed Gospel privileges, certainly that city is Toronto; and as we write, it is impressed upon us that men who go unsaved to the bar of God, will go there trampling under foot privileges which will assuredly bring upon them a condemnation exceeding that which rested upon the inhabitants of the cities of the Plains. From the pulpits of the city, occupied by faithful ambassadors for Christ—from the lips of city missionaries, and lay workers—in the Mission Halls—at the street corners—the Gospel of the Grace of God is being proclaimed day and night throughout the year. During this present month, special services are being held in nearly every quarter of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Soltau are labouring in the west and north; Mr. G. H. Marsh is preaching nightly at the Mission Union Hall; Mr. Ferdinand Schiverera, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is labouring with the Young Men's Christian Association at Shaftesbury Hall, where meetings are held every night for Young Men only. Added to these non-denominational gatherings, several of the city churches are holding special services. God is owning all these efforts. Shall we not look for an abundant ingathering. Christians everywhere, we call upon you to realize your responsibility. Pray! Pray!! Pray!!! God, who alone can give increase, is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God.

### OUR WATCHWORDS.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way in which thou shouldst go; I will guide thee with Mine eye.

## OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.

By REV. JOHN MCEWEN, Secretary S.S. Association of Canada.

Nov. 23.] Proverbs of Solomon. [Prov. 1: 1-16.]

THE MOTTO OF THIS BOOK OF PROVERBS IS—

The fear of the Lord is the beginning, middle, and the end of wisdom. The highest, the holiest, the most manifold, the deepest and the most Divine wisdom known to men and angels is—"God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." This Book of Proverbs is a leaf from "LIFE'S LESSONS," lifted out of human history, annotated and sealed by the Divine Spirit, for the guidance and perfecting of human life and character. v. 7.

HERE IS A DEFINITE AIM

for the parent, the pastor and the teacher, thoroughly to equip his heart and mind, and that of the youth, with a few imperishable Proverbs—on the subjoined classification of conditions of life—Proverbs more precious than fine gold, and which grow more precious to the youth as he and the proverbs are tried in the fire of human experience.

WISDOM'S OUTLINE.

1. Proverbs of Experience . Words of the wise.
2. Proverbs of Home Life . Treasure in the house.
3. Proverbs of Friendship . Closer than a brother.
4. Proverbs of Industry . The reward of the diligent.
5. Proverbs of Purity . . Soul suicide.
6. Proverbs of Wisdom . . The principal thing.
7. Proverbs of Counsel . . The struggle with the strong.
8. Proverbs of Trade . . The false balance.
9. Proverbs of Temperance. Wine a mocker.
10. Proverbs of Restraint . The issues of life.
11. Proverbs of Integrity . . The better choice.
12. Proverbs of Holiness . . The shining path.
13. Proverbs of Politics . . The exaltation and reproach of a nation.

We leave the parent, pastor, and S. S. teacher to make their own personal selection of two or three Proverbs under each of these headings taken from Dr. Perry, Bishop of Iowa, whose small book, entitled "Life Lessons," is full of gold. What we call our modern civilization, attacks young life and older life at all these points; and only in this wisdom, under the Divine Spirit, are they strong. v. 5.

[Nov. 30.] "True Wisdom." [Prov. 8: 1-17.]

Wisdom is not a person, but describes excellencies of knowledge; applied to the highest and holiest ends, with clearness of judgment as to the true and the false, the right and the wrong, and carried into life by a Person,—and thus Jesus Christ becomes to the soul trusting Him, "WISDOM, righteousness and sanctification." Hence, wisdom was and is with God; but wisdom is not God.

WISDOM IS HERE PERSONIFIED AS

Eagerly calling on men, to listen. vs. 1, 3, 4.  
Clearly reasoning with men, to reflect. vs. 5, 6.  
Earnestly intreating men, to submit. vs. 10, 11.

WISDOM

Watches for you, to impress you. v. 2.  
Waits for you with patience.

Brings treasures to you. vs. 11-14.

Is a source of spiritual health and moral strength.

They that seek this "Wisdom that cometh from above— which is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of good fruit"—in the dawn of life, and of enterprise, and of temptation—shall find v. 14, "Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength."