

wonderful sentence ever written : "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." No wonder that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem heaven sympathized with earth, and a wave of joy dashed clear over the battlements and dripped upon the shepherds in the words : "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men." In my next sentence every word weighs a ton : "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Show me any other book with such a doctrine, so high, so deep, so vast.

IV. Again : The Bible is right in its effects. I do not care where you put the Bible, it just suits the place. You put it in the hand of a man seriously concerned about his soul. I see people often giving to the serious soul this and that book. It may be very well, but there is no book like the Bible.

Take this Bible and place it in the hands of men in trouble ! Is there anybody here in trouble ? Ah, I might better ask, are there any here who have never been in trouble ? Put this Bible in the hands of the troubled. You find that as some of the best berries grow on the sharpest thorns, some of the sweetest consolations of the gospel grow on the most stinging affliction. You thought that death had grasped your child. Oh, no ! It was only the heavenly Shepherd taking a lamb out of the cold. Christ bent over you as you held the child in your lap, and putting his arms gently around the little one, said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Put the Bible in the school. Palsied be the hand that would take the Bible from the college and the school ! Educate only a man's head and you make him an infidel ; educate only a man's heart and you make him a fanatic ; educate them both together and you have the noblest work of God. An educated mind without moral principle is a ship without a helm, a rushing rail-train without brakes or reversing rod to control the speed. Put the Bible in the family. There it lies on the table, an unlimited power. Polygamy and unscriptural divorce are prohibited. Parents are kind and faithful, children polite and obedient. Domestic sorrows lessened by being divided, joys increased by being multiplied. O father, O mother, take down that long-neglected Bible, and read it yourselves and let your children read it !

Put the Bible on the rail-train and on shipboard, till all parts of this land and all other lands shall have its illumination. This hour there rises the yell of heathen worship, and in the face of this day's sun smokes the blood of human sacrifice. Give them the Bible. Unbind that wife from the funeral pyre, for no other sacrifice is needed since the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

I am preaching this sermon because there are so many who would have you believe that the Bible is an outlandish book, and obsolete. It is fresher and more intense than any book that yesterday came out of the great publishing houses. Make it your guide in life, and your pillow in death.

"How precious is the Book divine,  
By inspiration given ;  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,  
To guide our souls to heaven.

"This lamp, through all the tedious night,  
Of life shall guide our way,  
Till we behold the clearer light  
Of an eternal day."

The quiet influence of the word of God in thousands of families, the good seed sown broadcast, and waiting for the quickening influence of the Spirit of God, the progress of all the people in religious liberty, the growing demand for more of spirit and less of form in the service of the different churches—these and such as these are unseen agents preparing the way for the establishment of the kingdom of God.—*Dr. Farnsworth of Cesarea.*