

[For OUR MISSION.]

"Truth in a Nut Shell."

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12.—WHAT THE UNSAVED HAVE.

LET us bring in contrast what the *saved* and *unsaved* have. We saw in our last number that the saved have *Life, Peace, Rest, Hope, Promises, and all things.*

Let us see *what* the one that lives *only for self* and *this world* has.

"That at that time ye were *without Christ*, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, . . . having *no hope* and *without God* in the world. (Eph 2 : 17.)

How terrible to be wandering through this world *without God, without Christ, and without hope.* The latter is but the natural outcome of the former. Surely to be *without Christ*, is to be *without hope.*

"He that hath not the Son of God *hath not life.*" (1 John 5 : 12.)

This existence of yours is not the true life. Your life is a *failure* without Christ.

"And the way of peace *have they not known.*" (Rom. 3 : 17.)

God says the unbeliever has *no peace.* Satan tries to satisfy the human heart, and to feed it upon the things of the world. The poor prodigal in his rags, out in the field, with nothing but the husks to eat, is but a picture of the sinner away from God. The things of the world are to be compared to the *husks*, and that which Christ gives is illustrated in the fattened calf, killed and made ready for the son. (Luke 15 : 11-24.)

"So they (the unbelievers) are *without excuse.*" (Rom. 1 : 20.)

If you are unsaved, I venture you have often made what you thought "*a good excuse*" for not accepting Christ. If you are still doing this, listen to God. He says you are *without excuse.* Every honest person will say this is true, that they have no *good* or *true* excuse.

"How shall we *escape*, if we *neglect* so great salvation?" (Heb. 2 : 3.)

This is an important question ; the only answer to to be given is, there is *no escape.* Christ is the only way. (Acts 4 : 12.)

"He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the *wrath of God abideth on him.*" (John 3 : 36.)

"He that *believeth not*, is *condemned already*, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3 : 18.)

From these verses we learn that the unsaved *have*, no God, no Christ, no hope, no peace, no excuse, no escape, and have the wrath, and judgment of God resting upon them. If you are still unsaved, flee to Christ and be saved.

The First Sunday School in Ontario.*

OUR meeting to-night is upon historic ground. Canada is a new country. A hundred years ago the stumps were in the ground over which this present church † stands ; so that, in comparison with the old lands east—with Egypt, with its grand temples that have been standing for four thousand years as monuments of the people's civilization and great advancement in architecture, as well as in science in various directions—Canada is a new country. But though it be new in this sense in comparison with old lands, still we are in an old town to-night, and we have met in an old church. Among the earliest churches of Canada was the church that was first built upon the ground on which this church stands ; and in the year 1811 the first Sabbath-school in the Province of Ontario, and probably the first Sabbath-school in the Dominion of Canada, was organized here ; and we thus are enabled to look back upon the history, the advancement, and the working of Sabbath-schools, not only in this town but in the Province and in the Dominion. From this point at which we stand, and connected therefore with the early history of Sabbath-schools, is the name of the Rev. William Smart, a name hallowed by blissful memories of the past to many who are still living. Now I think that at the outset of this Address of Welcome, it would not at all be an uninteresting thing to present a sentence or two from a grand old document which is now in my hands. This document is dated 1818. I do not know whether or not it came through the hands of the venerable father of the printing press of Canada, Colonel Wylie ; but it is dated 1818 at the bottom, and it is divided into two parts ; and Dr. Meredith, to whom I showed the document, thought that every sentence in this important paper should be read to you to-night. But I will quote one or two sentences from it to show the ideas of Mr. Smart and Mr. Sherwood and their assistants, as teachers in connection with the Sabbath-schools in 1818, in this town. The first part of it refers to regulations in connection with the working of the school in this church. The first regulation deals with the great purposes of Sabbath-schools. It says that "the object of this Institution is the improvement of the rising generation, by affording the rudiments of education to such as would otherwise be deprived of this great blessing, and to instruct all in the principles of morality and religion, by the recitation of portions of the Holy Scriptures, catechisms, hymns," etc. Now, the second part of the address is headed, "An address to parents and heads of families." I will read one or two sentences from the old document : "That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good ;" and yet how many of the rising

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