

RESULTS OF CONVERSION.

Joseph Cook concludes his Monday lectures on "Man's Part in Conversion." as follows :

What are the results of total self-surrender to God, as known to universal ethical experience? Peace, spiritual illumination, hatred of sin, admiration of holiness, a strange, new sense of the divine presence, a feeling of union with God, a love of prayer.

An evangelist of great experience and wisdom has distributed many thousands of cards on which were printed the following evidences of conversion. He speaks from the point of view of exegetical knowledge. I have spoken thus far from the point of view of ethical science, strictly so-called. Let me contrast now with my results, these results of a practical evangelist. These are the signs of conversion which Dr. Earle gives :

1. A full surrender of the will to God.
2. The removal of a burden of sin gradually or suddenly.
3. A new love to Christians and to Jesus.
4. A new relish for the Word of God.
5. Pleasure in secret prayer, at least at times.
6. Sin or sinful thoughts will cause pain.
7. Desire and efforts for the salvation of others.
8. A desire to obey Christ in His commands and ordinances.
9. Deep humility and self-abasement.
10. A growing desire to be holy and like Christ.

ARE WE SAFE?

When I was in England a lady told me a sweet story illustrative of what it is to have Christ between us and every thing else. She said she was wakened up by a very strange noise of pecking, or something of the kind, and when she got up she saw a butterfly flying backward and forward inside the window-

pane in great fright, and outside a sparrow pecking and trying to get in. The butterfly did not see the glass, and expected every moment to be caught, and the sparrow did not see the glass, and expected every minute to catch the butterfly; yet all the while that butterfly was as safe as if it had been three miles away, because of the glass between it and the sparrow.

So it is with Christians who are abiding in Christ. His presence is between them and every danger. I do not believe that Satan understands about this mighty and invisible power that protects us, or else he would not waste his efforts by trying to get us. He must be like the sparrow—he does not see it; and Christians are like the butterfly—they do not see it, and so they are frightened, and flutter backward and forward in terror; but all the while Satan cannot touch the soul that has the Lord Jesus Christ between itself and him.—*Pacific*.

AMONG THE FREED NEGROES.

Dr. Allen thus summed up the work among the Freedmen: "The Board has been laboring twenty-one years among them, and what are the fruits? We have 202 churches with 13,754 communicants; 205 Sabbath schools with 14,563 scholars, and eighty-nine day schools which have enrolled 9,436 pupils. We have a Synod in the Atlantic States composed of eight Presbyteries, besides ministers, churches and schools in the Synods of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana and the Indian Territory.

The pension granted by the Italian Government to Pius IX., and constantly declined by him, is to be devoted to reclaiming the Roman marshes, the heirs of the late Pontiff having lost the suit which they brought to obtain possession of it. The money could hardly be put to better use than the one now proposed.

As palm matches palm, so God's revelation of Himself in His works matches His revelation of Himself in His Word.