

practically unreachd. Nay, more: the whole trend of their pleasure and the drift of influence and surroundings is to deaden their sensibilities to everything that belongs to or appeals to their spiritual nature. It is not helped by the fact the better class among them are frequently met and spoken to by their neighbors and friends whom they know to be professing Christians. These meetings with Christian (?) people on the Sabbath at the places of summer Sabbath-day resort at once salves any little prick which conscience may have given them, and increases their contempt for the Christian profession; for it must be remembered that the unbeliever always judges of Christianity by the apostate professors, and not by the consecrated followers of Christ.

The foregoing imperfect survey of the field of evangelization in our large cities may serve in some measure to set before our minds some of the inherent difficulties of the situation. Other obstacles and hindrances will be considered in another paper, and, in yet another, some suggestions as to means and methods adapted to the proper evangelization of these neglected, lapsed, and infidel masses of our city populations.

III.—THE PHYSICAL FACTOR IN PREACHING.

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THE Master commends vacations when He says to the tired disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." The Apostles broke the strain of continuous labor. Sometimes by detention in prisons or forced absences in perils by sea, it was broken for them.

In our period, with its mental alertness, with its incalculable spoil of knowledge, won from earth and air and sea, with the strain of its social problems, with its intrepid valor of faith and its shameless boldness in sin, the man who stands in the arena for Christ, will, if he be wise, withdraw himself betimes and put himself in sympathy with unwonted scenes and unusual experiences. Reasons, physical and social, mental and spiritual, combine to commend the wisdom of vacations.

The suggestion in the receipt of Mrs. Glass for "cooking hare" is, "first catch your hare." We are of the opinion that in the nature of vacations, it is frequently easier to obtain one than to decide how to utilize it most profitably. There are a few general ideas which we venture to state in this paper.

The special use of vacations should vary with felt physical and mental needs at the time of its occurrence. The writer remembers a vacation, the first week of which was spent chiefly in sleep. The re-