

assuming of men, and was regarded with a very real affection and respect by all who knew him. The interests of the Young Men's Christian Association constituted the centre of his life, and the building of it up and the direction of it was his great work. But he was also President of the Band of Hope, a Temperance organization for children. He was always an earnest Temperance reformer, himself a rigid teetotaler. But it has been mentioned as an indication of the liberal-mindedness of the man that in his great house of business in St. Paul's Churchyard there was no enforcement of teetotalism. If his young men would take their employer's advice, they would become teetotalers; but if they chose to have a glass of beer with their meals, it was supplied to them. He would not, however, tolerate any smoking-room on the premises. Smoking, indeed, he abominated, and he would afford no facilities for it either in his house of business or in the institution which he had founded, and over which he presided. Sir George, as we have said, married the daughter of his employer. This was in 1853, and he had a family of five sons and one daughter. The daughter died some years ago. Of the sons, three were brought up to the business, one became a solicitor, and another took Orders in the Church of England. All sorts of people expressed their admiration of Sir George Williams's life-work. The Corporation of the City of London in 1894 conferred upon him the honorary freedom of the City. Appreciation of the work of the Association founded by Sir George Williams has been expressed by King Edward and Queen Alexandra, who recently sent a special contribution, President Roosevelt, the German Emperor, and Czar of Russia, while Viceroy of India and Governor-Generals of Canada and Australia have testified to its usefulness. Four successive Archbishops of Canterbury have also given the work the seal of their approval. The great and invaluable organization of which he was founder, and of which he was the ruling spirit for considerably more than fifty years, has its centre not only here in London, and throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, but throughout the British possessions, and in nearly every foreign country. Wherever there is a Young Men's Christian Association there the name of George Williams is held in affectionate honor, and the news of his death has brought a sense of personal loss.—*Christian Globe.*

Threw it Away.

A young couple came home from Sabbath evening service. The sermon had been an earnest appeal to all who did not already belong to Christ to decide for him at once. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Marks were Christians. They had both often thought about the subject, but to-night it seemed to come home to them in an unusual way, and each felt that the question must be decided one way or the other at once, as there might not come another opportunity. They said nothing about the matter to each other, but lay awake for many hours. At last the wife said to herself, 'I will,' and turned over and went calmly to sleep. Her husband lay awake two hours more, and at last, wearied with tossing and restlessness, he said, 'I will not decide this now.' Immediately there went from him all desire to become a Christian, and he went easily to sleep. His wife became a lovely Christian, following her Master closely, blessed in all she put her hand to; but her husband never seemed to have a care about his

Our Daily Jubilee Award.

Probably none of those who secured the awards expected them on such small remittances.

We continue to receive daily, most congratulatory letters concerning the "Witness" Diamond Jubilee, all of which are heartily appreciated. These letters are being reproduced in our columns.

Our friends all over the Dominion are joining with us in celebrating our sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the "Witness." In another place will be found the special Diamond Jubilee club offers, including in addition to reduced rates THE GIFT of one of our Red Letter colored plate illustrated Bibles. One of these handsome books is given each day to the subscriber from whom we receive the largest amount of subscription money (net), for our publications.

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The Bibles awarded free appear good value for four dollars.

The list of successful club raisers for last week, with the amount of subscriptions each sent in is as follows:—

Nov. 20. Monday, J. E. McIntosh, Breadalbane, Ont..\$3.00
Nov. 21. Tuesday, James Bell, Kars, Ont. 6.00
Nov. 22. Wednesday, Rev. E. Scott, Montreal, Que... 4.00
Nov. 23. Thursday, Robt. Miller, St. Eustache, Que... 3.00
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Nov. 25. Saturday, D. McBride, Port Perry, Ont. . . 3.00

Each of the above will receive one of these red letter illustrated Bibles free.

Who will be the successful subscribers for next week? The smallness of the amounts sent in should encourage others to go and do likewise or a little better.

See our JUBILEE OFFERS on another page.

soul, and to all entreaties of his wife and friends that he should give his heart to the Saviour, he would reply, 'I had my chance once and threw it away. I have no more feeling on the subject.'—Selected.

A Skeptic Tested.

If men generally who profess disbelief in Christianity would put the word of God to a fair test, as was done in the following case, they would only be doing the fair and reasonable thing:

A minister living in a community where skepticism and infidelity had led many astray, gave a series of discourses on the evidence of Christianity. Of course, more or less of his opposers were present, and on the last night of the series, a prominent infidel came in. At the close of a very impressive meeting the speaker said, in a spirit of tenderness:

'There may be, and doubtless are, some here to-night who do not believe as I do, and who do not accept the truth of the Bible. If there are any such, if there is one willing to come forward and test this question of vital interest to every soul, I invite him to the platform:

On the instant, the infidel referred to came forward and said:

'I do not believe your doctrines, I cannot accept them.'

'But,' said the clergyman, 'you have denounced for years that which you have never tested. Are you willing that I, who have tried Christianity and feel its truths, shall be your teacher, and will you submit to my directions? You say that you are honest in your belief, and in an honest spirit you will meet me.'

'I do thus meet you, and I will allow you to be my teacher.'

'Then,' said the godly man, 'kneel by my

side and repeat the simple words, "God be merciful to me a sinner!"'

'But,' was the reply, 'I do not believe in your teachings.'

'Well, you say you are honest, and are willing to test this question; if so, you will heed my directions.'

The audience, in hushed expectation, heard the infidel, as he sullenly kneeled, utter the words desired, with sarcastic defiance.

'Again repeat those words' said his teacher in tones of utmost gentleness; and again, still defiant, yet more subdued, the infidel repeated, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner!'

Once more came the request to repeat the sentence, and before the audience, held by the power of the Holy Ghost, that petition went up in a tone of almost tenderness, certainly far different from the bravado with which it was first repeated.

A fourth time came the request, 'Repeat it again'; and with his strong frame quivering with emotion, the poor man poured out his soul's need in the prayer of the publican.

At the fifth repetition, the man then and there, before the large assembly, offered up from his inmost soul the prayer which, when thus offered, meets with a forgiving Father's pardon.

We give the simple facts as told to us, and only ask the question of all unbelievers: 'Why will you denounce a faith which you have never put to the test?'—Exchange.

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