

LOST! LOST! LOST!

WHAT is lost? A human soul. A soul made a little lower than the angels; a soul created in the image of God; a soul worth the price of a Saviour's blood. A soul reared under the benign influences of Christianity; trained in the truths of the Bible; striven with by the Holy Spirit; admonished by an enlightened conscience; lured by heaven's choicest rewards; warned by hell's deepest moan; yet lost, eternally lost. A soul, mayhap, that was once enlightened; tasted of the heavenly gift; run well for a season; exalted unto heaven, yet thrust down to hell.

Lost! Lost to what? Lost to all earth's pleasures of the past; lost to all enjoyment for the present; lost to all hope for the future. Lost to a Saviour's love; lost to a Father's pitying eye; lost to its best friends; lost to itself. This were a scene o'er which angels might weep, o'er which Jesus might once more groan in agony, and Mercy might even dare to blunt the keen sword of Justice.

Heaven pity the soul that shall cry, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended," and I am lost! lost! lost!

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SPECIALTIES.

MUCH has been said in the way of criticism in regard to making holiness a "*specialty*." Perhaps those who urge this objection have not well considered its true relation to the common or ordinary instrumentalities of the Christian Church. It has seemed to the writer, each and all the operations of Christianity are in their proper bearing and idea a "*specialty*." This is true of all the institutions of religion, and equally true of all modes and forms of religious endeavour.

The Sunday school is a "*specialty*," and one of great importance. Individuals of peculiar talent have been selected and appointed to the special work of promoting that interest. Various combinations are formed, societies instituted, prayer and experience meetings organised, and even great camp meetings are held for the particular purpose of promoting the Sunday-school cause. Bishops, agents, secretaries, ministers and laymen, all have approved and co-operated in such movements. So might we say of a popular and noted camp-meeting, called a "*fraternal gathering*," with the senior bishop of the Church to preside. The "*specialty*" was clearly announced and understood all over the country. Great and good men gave it their sanction, and it is contemplated that this "*specialty*" will be continued. The Lord make it a great blessing to all concerned.

Then there are other and as clearly defined "*specialties*." The