

Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick of \$105, per Rev. Dr. Reid. It was resolved to add Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick's names to the list of life members of this Society.

Mr. James Thomson was appointed Collector for this Society in Toronto during the current year. The usual routine business was disposed of, and the Directors dispersed, after prayer led by the Rev. Manly Benson.

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PREACHED BY THE REV. C. J. LITTLE, D.D., OF SYRACUSE, N.Y., IN THE BROADWAY TABERNACLE (METH.), TUESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1890.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—JOHN xii. 32.

The most remarkable prophecies about Jesus Christ are those made by Himself. He predicted, for instance, that He would rise from the dead, and lo! once every year the Easter anthems of mankind repeat the story of His triumph over death. He predicted that after His departure from the earth a comforter would come to keep alive His name and multiply the power of His disciples: and lo! the pentecostal flames that played about the heads of His chosen ones have never ceased since then to stir the hearts of mortal men; the spirit still beareth witness at the birth of every child redeemed to God and to himself. He declared also that He came to bring a sword and not peace, and lo! for centuries the struggles of mankind have raged around His name. He declared that the stone which the builders rejected would become the head of the corner, and behold our modern life is built upon His teachings, and our modern progress is sustained and quickened by His transforming power. And He predicted in the words of the text, that lifted up from the earth,—crucified by men for men—He would draw all men unto Him—He, the Galilean carpenter, without wealth, without arms or soldiers, with no attractions for the senses, and no enticements for the lust and pride of men, and behold it has surely come to pass. How preposterous it would seem if it had not been fulfilled! What a laughing stock, then, were Jesus for the scoffers of the highway, and how preposterous these predictions, anyhow, for any son of man unless he had been also the son of the living God? Now, in treating of the fulfilment of these words, I desire to show two things:

1. That, wherever and whenever the Jesus of the Bible has been declared and manifested among men, they have turned towards Him for life and power. This I shall try to show by touching upon the struggles of the Cross with the Roman empire, with the ancient philosophy, with the barbarism of our German forefathers, with the returning paganism of the middle ages which provoked the Reformation, with the sensualism of the eighteenth century, which was confronted with the great revival.

2. I desire to show that in proportion as men have turned to Christ, they have been lifted up into His own glorious being, that just as far as humanity has apprehended and comprehended the meaning of His incarnation and His death, has humanity been wrought again into His glorious image and inspired with His divine mind. And thus I hope to show by a brief comparison of