

**"To be carnally minded
is death; but to be spirit-
ually minded is life and
peace.**

Rom. viii. 6.

THE DRUNKARD'S REBUKE.

THE other evening during the enquiry meeting, after Mr. Hammond had been preaching, a minister was passing through the hall on his way to speak to an enquirer, when he was stopped by a man under the influence of strong drink, who said, "Sir, do you think a man in my state could be saved." The minister asked him a few questions, and the answers given proved that the man understood not only his position, but the tenor of Mr. Hammonds address. "Yes," said the minister "I believe you can." "Then I want to be saved" said the man. The minister then turned round to a person standing by and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes," answered the person addressed. "Then here is a man who wishes to learn of Jesus, wont you tell him how he may be saved." The man hesitated, and at last said, "Really sir I dont know how to speak to him." No sooner had he said this, than the semi-intoxicated man looked at him, and said, "You a Christian, and can't tell me how I may be saved? If you ask me how and where you can get drunk, I can tell you."

What a rebuke. A Christian and can't tell how a sinner may come to Christ. The Devil's children are well posted as to how his work may be done. Surely the child of God should be ashamed not to be in a position at all times to be about His father's business in a business like way.

NOW.

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain.

I AM THE WAY.

THE old city of Troy had but one gate. Go round and round the city, and you could find no other. If you wanted to get in, there was but one way, and no other. So to the strong, beautiful, and Grand City—The New Jerusalem, there is but one gate, "Jesus" He says "I AM THE DOOR."

If there were as many mysteries in the Bible as there are in some *heads* who could understand it?

"GROW UP INTO HIM."

Eph. iv. 15.

NIP or cut off the top shoots of a plant and it ceases to grow up. It commences to *spread*. Take care of the top shoots. Whatever in us is most like Christ, Satan seeks to destroy. He does not mind how much you spread yourself, or get a great name on earth, if he can only stop you from growing up into Christ."

Behold the nations are as a **DROP OF A BUCKET**, and are counted as the **SMALL DUST OF THE BALANCE**.—Isa. xl. 15.

WHAT a magnificent idea of the awful and infinite greatness of Jehovah! "A drop of a bucket," the loss of which no man would notice, and "the small dust of the balance;" the small particles of dust that remain after the balances have been wiped and adjusted, so small that their united mass makes no appreciable difference in the weight, and the eye can scarcely see them. What mind can grasp these figures designed to represent the nations of the earth, teeming with their thousands and tens of thousands of immortal beings!

GOOD WORKS.

As the apple is not the cause of the apple tree, but a fruit of it, so good works are not the cause of our salvation, but a sign and a fruit of the same.