

THE LIVING GOD.

"The Living God!"—How many times we find this expression in the Holy Scriptures. And it is just the very thing we are practically prone to lose sight of. We know it is written, "the living God;" we may speak about him as "the living God;" but in our daily life there is scarcely anything we practically so much lose sight of as the fact that God is "the living God," and that he is now whatever he was three or four thousand years ago; that he has the same sovereign power, the same saving love toward those who love and serve him as ever he had, and that he will do for them what he did for those two thousand, three thousand, four thousand years ago, simply because he is in "the living God," the unchanging One, the same as ever he was.

Oh, how, therefore, we should confide in him, and in our darkest moments and in our greatest trial and in our heaviest difficulties and afflictions should never lose sight of the fact that he is still "the living God," and ever will be "the living God."—*George Muller.*

A WONDERFUL MEETING.

One of the most extraordinary meetings that will be held during the C. E. Convention next July, will be the great Communion service that will be held Sunday 9th, in one of the Convention tents by the Central Christian church (Disciples of Christ) when Communion will be administered to several thousand members (as is their custom every Lord's day the year round), by C. B. Newnan, the minister of that church, assisted by from forty to fifty deacons. This will undoubtedly be the largest communion service ever held in the world, and as such will be an event of historical interest in religious life. The Disciples of Christ have also secured the tent for a denominational rally on Thursday, July 6th, as no building in Detroit is large enough for the purpose.—*Exchange.*

There are men and women who declare their regret at almost every step in life they have taken. I could find married people who would tell you they wished they had never married, and single people who would tell you they wished they had; I could find carpenters who would say, "The worst trade you could put a boy at is a carpenter's;" and doctors who would say, "Better be a chimney-sweep than a doctor;" and I could find a chimney-sweep who would say, "Better be anything than a chimney sweep; mine is the dirtiest trade going." Now I am going to throw out a challenge. Will some one find me a person who will say, "I wish I had never loved Christ?" Blessed be God, you can't do it; the consecrated life bears the test of experience. He saved me when I was a lad, and I began to preach the gospel when I was sixteen. He is the friend who has never failed me, who has never left me, who has come close in trouble, and been nearest and dearest to me when I needed him most.—*Joseph Berry.*

CHILDREN'S DAY NOTES.

Children's Day for heathen missions, the first Sunday in June.

Children's Day was first observed in 1881. In that year 128 schools observed it, and gave \$750.

Last year 3,180 schools observed Children's Day, and they gave \$34,334.

Since Children's Day was inaugurated the Sunday-schools have given \$291,304.

Illinois led last year in the number of schools observing Children's Day. The number 374.

The Sunday-schools in Ohio led in their offerings for heathen missions. The amount given was \$5,444.

The Sunday schools of Christendom give about a million dollars a year for missions. The children of the Methodist Episcopal church alone give about \$250,000 annually.

There is wide-spread interest in the One Dollar League. Every child that gives or raises \$1.00 or more becomes a member of the League and will receive a beautiful Souvenir Button.

We are expecting large returns from the Birthday Boxes this year. More than 1,300 schools are using the Birthday Box, gathering offerings every Sunday for heathen missions.

The Sunday-schools are asked for \$40,000 this year. We now have reason to believe they will give this amount. If they give as much as \$40,000, we are reasonably certain of raising \$150,000 for foreign missions this year.

We owe a debt to the children. If they are trained in unselfishness now, the results will be seen in the future churches. The schools of to-day will be the churches of tomorrow. If we train the children up with large vision and broad sympathies, they will make generous and useful church members.

J. H. Garrison, of St. Louis, Mo., may be called the father of Children's Day. In 1880 he made a speech before the Annual Convention at Louisville, Ky., urging the adoption of such a day. The first Sunday in June was agreed upon.

Secure the largest possible offering. Aim to have every member of the school enlisted in the Dollar League. Be determined to raise a creditable amount, and above all, do not fall below your apportionment.

The Children's Day Offering should be sent promptly Monday morning, June 5th, to F. M. Rains, Treasurer, Box 884, Cincinnati, Ohio. Please give the local name of the school when different from the post-office.

We are hoping to receive offerings from at least 3,500 schools this year.

A large number of schools have promised to observe Children's Day this year that did not last.

Enlist a large number in the Children's Day exercises. Give special attention to the little children. Those who are to take part should be thoroughly drilled.

Have you not learned yet with all your heart-agony and failure that you can not grow in goodness by mere will-power and resolution? Habit is stronger than resolve. Habit is indeed an adamant chain, and the strength of a giant can not break it. But there is a fire, fervent and intense enough to melt it and leave you free. We must keep close enough to Christ so that the fire of his love may be kindled in our hearts. We must keep so close that we will think of him instantly in the hour of weakness and trial, and then we cannot fail, for his grace is sufficient for us.—*Christian Standard.*

Book Reviews.

AN UP-TO-DATE SUNDAY SCHOOL, by E. A. Fox (Chicago; The Oracle Publishing Co. 25 cents). There is a recognized need for better methods of Bible training in our Sunday-schools, and several books, dealing with this, are on the market but we know of none likely to be so useful as the little book before us. It embodies the communications of the leading Sunday-school workers of the United States, on "What constitutes an up-to-date school?"

The standard is high and to secure it may appear Utopian, but by a steady, continuous effort great and surprising improvements will be made, and at least some of the "Essentials" will be secured.

"An Up-to-date Sunday-school" calls for the following "essentials": Teachers' Meeting; Home Department; Normal Classes; Graded School; Teachers' Library, Pupils' Library; Bible Drills; A Reserve or Substitute Corps of Teachers; Quarterly and Annual Reports of all Officers; A Permanent Record of each Member of the Sunday-school; Good Music.

Each Sunday-school would do well to order several copies of this book and persuade teachers and officers to read it carefully. The Good Literature or the Sunday-school committee of the Endeavor Society has here an opportunity to work for "Christ and the Church." J. CHAS. B. APPEL.

Died.

SIMPSON.—At Bay View, P. E. Island, on the 26th of February, in her 46th year, Sister Martha Simpson. Her death was sudden and unexpected. A kind Christian husband and a large family of affectionate children she commended tenderly and earnestly to the care of a loving Father. She spoke till the last of her joy and confidence in Jesus, and exhorted loved ones to cleave to the Lord and meet her on "the shining shore." She has been a member of the church in New Glasgow for over twenty-six years. The large funeral evidenced the community's respect for the deceased and deep sympathy for the survivors. D. C.

LINKLETTER.—On the 27th of February, at her home near Summerside, in her 69th year, after months of sufferings, Sister Eliza, beloved wife of Isaac Linkletter. Forty years ago she and her husband were both members of the Presbyterian church, but troubled on the subject of Christian baptism. The more they prayed and studied the scripture for light the deeper was their conviction that they had never obeyed the Saviour in this institution. The Lord's last commission, recorded in Mark xvi, 15, 16, and the plain record of New Testament conversions, seemed too positive and plain to be rejected, especially when confirmed by Christ's own baptism in the river Jordan. They were both baptized and joined the little church in Summerside. As their children came to years they followed the example of their parents, and some of them have preceded their mother to the happy land. Our sister's faith in Christ was constant, and he is able to estimate how far others are, and will be, influenced by her Christian life and triumphant death. D. C.

AGENTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

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More names will be added as they are appointed