

### "WHAT NEXT?"

A GENTLEMAN riding near the city, overtook a well-dressed young man, and invited him into his carriage.

"What," said the gentleman to the young stranger, "are your plans for the future?"

"I am a clerk," replied the young man, "and my hope is to succeed, and get into business for myself."

"And what next?" said the gentleman.

"Why, I intend to marry, and set up an establishment of my own," said the youth.

"And what next?"

"Why, to continue in business, and accumulate wealth."

"And what next?"

"It is the lot of all to die, and I of course cannot escape," replied the young man.

"And what next?" once more asked the gentleman: but the young man had no answer to make; he had no purposes that reached beyond the present life. How many young men are in precisely the same condition. What pertains to the world to come has no place in all their plans.

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### "TAKE ANOTHER."

At the battle of Meanee, an officer who had been doing good service came up to the commanding general, Sir Charles Napier, and said, "Sir Charles, we have taken a standard." The general looked at him, but made no reply, and turning round, began to speak to some one else; upon which the officer repeated, "Sir Charles, we have taken a standard." The general turned sharp round upon him, and said, "*Then take another.*" The spirit which this great commander would impress upon his subordinate should be possessed by every soldier of Christ. The conflict must be persistently kept up so long as there is any unsubdued sin in ourselves, or any soul living in enmity to God.