

not time to go to the telegraph office. A man took a lantern and went up the track. He fell and the light went out. There was no time to go for another light, for he heard the train coming. What could he do? He got up the bank and hurled the lamp at the engine and struck it. The engineer thought something was wrong, whistled "Down brakes," and the train was stopped within a few yards of the land slide. I want to throw a lantern at your feet to-night. Take warning.

The service concluded with prayer and praise, and was followed by an Enquirers' Meeting.

SECOND DAY.

"THE USE OF THE BIBLE."

REV. T. C. DESBARRES opened the topic. He said: "Granting that I live by faith in Christ, there are two essentials I need in order to use this book with effect. First, I must be perfectly persuaded, beyond a shadow of doubt, that it is an inspired book; and second, I must love it with a perfect love. I take up my Bible at Timothy, 3rd chap. 16 and 17 verses, and find the words, 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' I turn again to 2nd Peter, 1st chap. 21st verse, 'For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' I turn again to Matthew, 4 chap., 4 verse, and read, 'And He answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' I take the ground, then, from these words, looking at them with the Holy Ghost deep in my heart, that every word of God's truth is inspired. I must believe fully in verbal inspiration in order to understand this Book at all. This is not mine, yours' or any body's book, but God's book; and it is written for one special purpose, and that is to glorify Himself. If I am brought from darkness into marvellous light and into unity with Christ, there is a purpose connected with me which I cannot understand, but will be understood in God's own time, perhaps in reference to the salvation of souls, perhaps in order to the establishing and building up of those linked by faith to Christ. Now, any one impressed with the thought that I am linked by faith to Christ, must want to know something about Him while on earth, and whether any words fell from His own lips, and whether there is anything in the Bible to guide me and enable me to understand the Book. In John, 5 chap. 39 verse, I find, 'Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.' And in 46 verse: 'For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me.' Then, all Scripture is about God. Yes, every word of it; and if I do not understand it, it is because I am not illumined by the Divine Spirit in such measure of understanding. Every word, then, I believe, is inspired of God; every word came from His mouth; it is written for me, and under the responsibility of my sonship I am to look at the page. What does 'search' mean? It means to follow, to scent out as a dog. When a dog loses his master he hunts until he finds him. When he does find him he is delighted, and jumps upon his master, and he tells the dog he is glad to see him again. Just so it

when we take up the Scriptures and search them, and God has called on us to search them. When we find the truth about God our souls are refreshed, and we can look up into heaven and get the smile of our loving Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I take up the Scriptures again. First Corinthians, 2 chap. 10 verse, I find: 'But God hath revealed them unto us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God.' I am called upon to search; but the Spirit is also to search. And the 11 verse: 'For what man knoweth the things of a man save the Spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man.' No man, no matter how gifted he may be, knows anything of the things of God except through the word. Then there is a searching of our spirit, and we are called on to search it. How are we to search? I know nothing about the Book unless the Spirit moves over the Word. I find God said to Moses, 'Write.' I go back to Genesis, and what do I find? At the very first page: 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.' I look at the word 'created.' It means an exhibition of the mighty power of God. I run down the chapter and find 'God said.' I turn to the next chapter, and I find the Lord God is mentioned. I see that when man is introduced on the scene there is the prefix Lord. I want to understand what that means. I will not pass from that second chapter until I find it out. Then in Genesis, 14 chap., it says 'the most high God.' I read the chapter through, and pull it to pieces in order to find why this title is used here. I satisfy myself upon that point. I pass on to another chapter. Joshua, 3 chap. 11 verse, and there I find, 'the Lord of all the earth' mentioned. Here is a title different from the rest, and I want to find out the reason it is used. Surely it is something about God, and has a real meaning. The Spirit is to search me. Then I pass on to another title, which is used in Daniel, 'God of Heaven.' There is a reason why he should be called 'God of Heaven.' I want fully to understand about this title. I see that after Babylon was captured and the glory has departed from the temple, the title 'God of Heaven' is used. I find in the New Testament the name Jesus so dear to every heart, that is the original name. There is no mention of Christ, the exalted name. Then we find Jesus Christ is used. I find that the name Jesus is more frequently mentioned in the Gospels than in the Acts. I find in the Acts Jesus Christ mentioned more frequently. In the Epistles Paul says 'in Christ Jesus.' Why should he not have said 'in Jesus Christ?' And then Lord Jesus is mentioned. Why is Lord used? Why is it used by itself? Why is Jesus used? Why is Christ used? Why is Jesus Christ used together! Every word is inspired; there is nothing out of place. There is a reason why. Christ Jesus, Jesus Christ, and our Lord Jesus Christ is used in each instance. I go to the Book again. I want to get back to the fountain head. Master the five books of Moses and you have the key to the whole of the Scriptures. You then understand the New Testament. I never knew a man yet well acquainted with the five books of Moses who had not great light on the New Testament. The Old Testament is the Book. Now, let us take a word; take fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace and longsuffering. Let us take 'love.' In Romans, 5 chap. 5 verse we have, 'And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.' There is hope. I get a hope; a hope that I may be brought to Christ. I am one of the many sinners to be brought to glory, by and bye. That hope I have 'because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is