

on the bosom of Delilah? Oh, young man, God did not give thee the power of self-restraint to throw it away. Come, oh, come to the wedding-feast! The world is a waving corn-field, and we would bear you to the heavenly garner, shouting, 'Harvest home!' Oh, shall not the wails of the lost, and the glories and blessedness of the future that awaits the redeemed, move you? My Master appeals to you; oh, come—this new year, yet so young—'come to the marriage':

The discourse, of which the above is a brief outline, occupied three minutes beyond an hour in the delivery, but the interest was maintained, unflagging, to the close. After which the more public service was concluded with prayer and praise.

All were invited, however, to remain for the prayer-meeting, during which all anxious persons were invited to meet with their pastors, and other helpers, in the vestry.

On this occasion, Mr. Varley, as on several previous evenings, endeavoured further to illustrate and simplify the saving truths of the Gospel, in his own peculiar catechetical method, by inviting Mr. Potts, the pastor of the Metropolitan Church, on to the platform, and asking him such questions as the following:—Referring to the words of Jesus to the Samaritan woman, "If thou knewest the gift of God, &c.," he enquired—

Q. Who is God's unspeakable gift? A. The Lord Jesus.

Q. Has the receiver of a gift anything to do with the gift before receiving it? A. Nothing. The giver, as a general rule, first conceives the thought of giving it, provides the gift, and offers it.

Q. Would it be a gift if the receiver were asked to pay for it? A. Certainly not.

Q. If you were going to make me a present of a Bible worth \$20, and were to ask me to pay \$10 towards it, would it not be a strange 'gift'? A. It would.

Q. Does God, then, ask us to pay anything towards his gift of salvation? A. No; it is "without money, and without price."

Q. If I were a rich man, and you a poor man, and I were to give you this Bible, and within its pages a million of dollars, in Bank notes, would you be poor any longer? A. No.

Q. Now, God says, "This is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." If then, you receive Christ, do you not receive eternal life, the moment you receive Him? A. Certainly; for "he that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Q. Well, if I chose to give you the money in the way, I have supposed, and in that way only, would you have any right to tell me how I ought to give it? A. No, surely not.

Then, solemnly applying the truth he had been illustrating, Mr. Varley concluded the service, by throwing upon all present the responsibility, if they should refuse God's gift, and urging all to receive it at once. The impression produced was a most solemn one, and many persons remained to be spoken to in the vestry.

OUGHT CHRISTIANS TO BE TOTAL ABSTAINERS?

The subject of Temperance has been very fully enlarged upon in our midst of late—we have had a talented lecturer making heart-stirring appeals to his hearers in its behalf, and we have also witnessed the shameful spectacle of a contest for the office of chief magistrate of the city, being carried by those who are notoriously opposed to the diminution of the facilities for indulging in the degrading vice of drunkenness. Although the champions of temperance (by this word I mean total abstainers) may therefore be held to have been vanquished in fair fight, I for one trust that they may redouble their efforts to diminish this terrible and crying sin in our midst, and in no wise be cast down or disheartened. And I would also