

leap out of its bed to roll its vast billows over a flooded world—to sweep off the face of the earth a guilty race. No more shall it multiply widows and orphans, or rob the mother of her darling boy.

Remember, reader, that we are still voyaging on the sea of life and exposed to all its perils. A storm is glooming over us from which there is but one shelter. All God's billows threaten us and they shall most assuredly overwhelm us unless we trust to the guidance of the One good Pilot. Do not leave yourself to drift hither and thither at the mercy of winds and currents; for smooth and smiling as the waters may now appear, terror, dismay, and death lie hidden under that smile. Look down into these cold devouring depths and then hasten into the ARK OF SAFETY which welcomes you and which shall land you safe as that shore where there is "no more sea"; safe, though the waves rise with black, hideous swell, though rocks lie in ambush, and deadly whirlpools yawn for their prey.

Far off from the walls of the new Jerusalem, far off from all light and joy, there is still a fearful sea, the gulf of woe, the lake of fire. It is HELL, where evil has full scope and brings forth constantly its own deadly fruits. It is the doleful prison-house of the Universe, from which God is absent in love, and where He is present only in wrath and terror too severe to be beheld.

Reader, is Hell to be avoided? Is Heaven to be won? Hasten then to JESUS CHRIST who Himself encountered the storms of the sea of this life hissed as it was into foam of bitterness by men and devils: who Himself submitted to all the waves of the wrath of God against the sinner, and who has never forsaken any that put their trust in Him.

HINTS TO COLLECTORS.

Those who go about collecting for religious purposes have need of all the wisdom, faith, love, and patience of the most mature saint. It is a noble work, but ill understood; and it is attended with peculiar trials. A few hints on the subject may be of value to the inexperienced.

1. Do your work as a religious duty. It is Christ's cause for which you are canvassing and collecting. You seek nothing for yourself, but that good sentence of "Well done, good and faithful servant!" If you go to your duty in this spirit you will be proof against all rebuffs and cool receptions. Give your time and tongue then to Christ in simplicity and godly sincerity.

2. Do not feel any annoyance at being refused. Perhaps the person asked could not give; and he may be extremely sorry for his inability. Perhaps his heart is hard; still, any indication of temper on your part will serve yet more to harden his heart. Tell him rather, that you will call again; ask him to think the matter over carefully; talk gently and kindly with him.

3. Do not judge a man according to the amount he gives. A shilling from one is as much as twenty shillings from another. Do not be satisfied with receiving precisely the same amount each time you call. Ask the subscriber, if the Lord has not prospered him sufficiently to allow of an increase? Ask him if his heart is not larger than it was? For, in truth, every Christian ought to be growing in the grace of liberality as in every other.

4. Do not despise the pennies of the young and the poor. A shilling, or five shillings from the head of the family should not content you. Let the members of the family give each a little, however small. Call on the poorest members of the congregation. You have no right to pass them by: you do them a gross injustice if you do not afford to them an opportunity of contributing of their poverty to the Lord's treasury. The pennies of the poor are as welcome in the sight of the Lord as the pounds of the wealthy; and they are often given as cheerfully and as devoutly.

5. Go your rounds regularly. By doing so you will find the work delightful. Friends will expect you and be prepared to receive you. You will be hailed as a messenger from God, affording an opportunity of giving something to God. Drop words of comfort and counsel where you can; and speak and think mainly of the work you have in hand. Be not discouraged with the small