

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 3. 8.

### BAD BARGAINS.

**M**ANY a man has made a bad bargain, and lives all his life to repent of it.

'Lot' made a bad bargain when he went down to Sodom.

'Esau' made a bad bargain when he bought the mess of pottage.

'Judas' made a bad bargain when he bartered his master for silver.

The man makes a bad bargain, who, for a good salary or position, sacrifices peace of mind, and exchanges conscience for gold.

The woman makes a bad bargain, who, for a 'home,' gives up all that is precious in life.

The young man makes a bad bargain, when he prefers wild oats to the seeds of eternal life.

The drunkard makes a bad bargain, who gives up body and soul for a glass.

The soul makes a bad bargain when it gives itself up for the pleasures of the world.

Thousands are making bad bargains by gaining the pleasures of sin for a season, and losing all hopes of future happiness.

### AS WE THINK.

**I**F I think of the *world*, I get the *impress of the world*.

If I think of my *trials and sorrows*, I get the *impress of my sorrows*.

If I think of my *failures*, I get the *impress of my failures*.

If I think of **CHRIST**, I get the **IMPRESS OF CHRIST**,

### DESPAIRING SINNER COME!

**P**ERHAPS you say, "The mercy of God is for others, not for me. I have been too vile. I have abused the greatest privileges, and stifled the strongest convictions. I have fought against God, and committed crimes I shudder to think of. There can be no pardon for me!" Listen, sinner! God says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow!" "As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that he turn and live. Turn ye, turn ye; for why will ye die?" Listen, sinner! "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." ALL sin, and therefore yours. Listen! "He is able to save to the uttermost ALL who come unto God by Him," and therefore YOU. Listen! "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am CHIEF." He saves the chief of sinners, and therefore you. David, who had committed murder—Peter, who denied Him—the thief on the cross—thousands who cried "Crucify Him!"—Paul the persecutor—were all saved. And He who saved them is able to save you.—*Newman Hall.*

**H**E man who is irreligious because he has discovered inconsistency and hypocrisy in some of those who are Church members, is condemned already. He confesses that he knows what is wrong, and therefore he must know what is right. If he continues to do wrong after he knows what is right, he is guilty of wilful wickedness. Therefore out of his own mouth he is condemned. He puts himself in the very class he condemns, and deliberately goes to perdition because they do. "Ho, ye simple ones, how long will ye love simplicity?"

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