

human look and attention upon those triumphant records were never so wide, so full, and deep as at present. In over three hundred languages their soul-stirring truths are read, and with a celestial imperialism those truths will yet press their way through the thronging multitudes of men, and the antagonistic forces which fill the air, until the earth is filled with their enlightening power, and the darkness of ignorance, superstition and sin is swept away forever.

Wonderful it is that the great documents which make up the Christian's Bible should have passed through long ages deluged with world-wide paganisms, and through an atmosphere impregnated with errors, superstitions, and abominations, backed by the thrones and royalties of earth, and yet remain untouched with a single taint of those destructive elements and influences which, like some restless sea, surrounded them on every side!

And is it not a consolatory and undeniable fact, that right across the ever-changing skies of man's mortal pilgrimage, this immortal Book has flung one grand arch of holiest inspiration and of undying hope? At the helm of the universe it places not a blind and iron necessity, not a soulless, pitiless fate or chance, but an almighty and merciful God, who ruleth all things well.

Into the presence of life's sorest calamities, and human desolations of saddest kind, it has brought a light and promise, without which there must have been the darkness of a starless night and a great despair. That volume, therefore, which has poured its influences and teachings into the life-blood of sixty generations of men, in all the multitudinous conditions of their earthly lot, and has always produced health and noblest life, cannot be dismissed at the bidding of a few, nor dislodged from the deep place it holds in the intellect and most cherished and lasting affections of the purest of the race.

WHAT depravity there is in types! The most careful proof-reading is not a perfect guaranty against the most ridiculous errors. The increasing care in the reading of proof in our periodicals has been a source of gratification to us, and therefore we were entirely unprepared for so prodigious a blunder as that in the Senior Quarterly for June 7, in the "Lesson Notes." Just think of such a rendering of Heb. 1:5 (which is a quotation from Ps. 2:7) as this: "Thou art my Son, this day have I FORGOTTEN thee!" But there it is, and in the very blackest of type!—*Pilgrim Teacher*.

THE *National Baptist* thus forcibly and wittily shows why liberality is relative and not absolute: "Our Lord commended the widow. But suppose that the next day the widow had struck oil; suppose that she had married a millionaire; suppose that she had found among the papers of her husband a whole sheaf of bonds of the Jerusalem and Jericho Railroad, would her gift of two mites at the next collection have been commended?"

Opening and Closing Services for the First Quarter.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
- II. The Doxology.
- III. Responsive Sentences.
Supt. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
School. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
Supt. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
School. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
Supt. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
School. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
Supt. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.
School. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.
- IV. Singing.
- V. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

- I. Class Study of the Lesson.
- II. Singing Lesson Hymn.
- III. Recitation of the Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.
- IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.
- V. The Supplemental Lesson.
- VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

- I. Singing.
- II. Responsive Sentences.
Supt. My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
School. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.
- III. Dismission.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate: was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*