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That is how it read. We were in Central Park with a solitary half hour on our hands. We were prepared for wonders, but here was a real live "Acer Dasycarpum!" We were standing opposite a noble specimen of the silver maple tree, and a sign at the foot of the tree gave us the name in

plain English—"silver maple," and then the Botanical name which we have quoted. As we

further pursued our way we saw a "Quercus Rubra," or a red oak, and then a noble ironwood tree, or, as the Botanists call it, "Ostrea Virginica." Presently we found another tree, but we saw no sign to indicate its name. But it was a tree. We knew that, and under its spreading branches we sat and so found shelter from the burning sun. If we all had to understand Botany before enjoying the trees, then so far as the majority of us are concerned there might as well be no trees.

What a mercy it is that the Gospel of the Grace of God is presented to us in simple terms. We do not need to study the long words in which the theologians discuss the doctrines of God's Word. God's invitation to lost sinners is, "Come," "Repent," "Believe," "Take." In simple words the plan of salvation is laid down. When men begin to discuss these matters, they indulge in words of six syllables.

God makes short but sweet promises to us. Anybody can understand them. If we would be saved we need only make a very short confession and breathe a very short prayer. "God be merciful," that's prayer when it comes from the heart. "To me a sinner," that's confession when the heart says it. What if the publican had invoked the Deity "to be extenuating in His Divine considerations of His unworthy dust, and to deal in leniency with the unfortunate transgressor." Such a prayer would not have reached heaven in all these sixteen centuries.

Well prayed the needy soul when he cried "God be merciful to me a sinner." It had the pith of the matter in it. Mercy on God's side; sin on man's side. Swifter than arrow's flight the petition speeded on its way. And the prayer was heard and the man went down to his home justified. So from our hearts let us pray and we shall sit down under the shade of the tree of life and eat of the fruit thereof with great delight. That tree is Christ. — *Jerry M. Auley's News paper.*



OVER eight hundred persons have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the meetings held by Dr. Munhall, at Denver, Colorado. The meetings closed on the 11th July.

REV. DR. B. W. CHIDLAW, of Ohio, the veteran Sunday-school worker, has passed fifty years in the uninterrupted service of the American Sunday School Union, having been commissioned February 12, 1836.

THE Old Orchard Convention for Christian Life and Work, and Divine Healing will be held on the Old Orchard Camp-grounds, Old Orchard, near Portland, Me., for ten days from Sabbath, August 1st, to Tuesday, August 10th, 1886.

AMCALL MISSION for Chicago is a project conceived by Mr. Moody. It is stated that in October Mr. Moody expects to return to Chicago and devote three months to establishing permanent missions throughout the city, on the plan of the McAll Mission in Paris. In these missions, services will be held every evening, and will be made self-supporting, if possible.

BY invitation of Mr. Moody, over 200 students connected with the College Y. M. C. A.'s spent the month of July at Mt. Hermon, Mass. "The School for Bible Study," as it has been designated, extended its sessions from July 7 to Aug 1. About three hours each day were devoted to study and lectures, the balance of the time being free for recreation. Mr. Moody took charge of all the sessions, aided by several well known Bible teachers.

AN Evangelistic conference for Bible study and upon methods of work in Home and Foreign evangelization, and for the promotion of individual consecration to Christ, will be held in Northfield, Mass., for ten days, from Wednesday, August 4, to Friday, August 13, inclusive. Most of those who have been present as speakers, teachers, and singers, in past years, may be again expected. Rev. Marcus Rainsford, of London, Rector of Church of England, will be present. The meetings of the conference will be held in the hall of Northfield Young Ladies' Seminary. Lodging and board for a limited number of guests will be provided in the Seminary building at the rate of two dollars a day. Applications for rooms should be addressed to "H. N. F. Marshall, Treas., Northfield, Mass.," and should be made as early as possible, that suitable provision may be made for those who expect to be present. A general invitation is extended to all ministers and Christian workers who are in sympathy with the object of the conference.