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**"BY GRACE ARE
YE SAVED, through
faith: and that not of
yourselves; it is the gift
of God: NOT OF WORKS,
lest any man should
boast."**

Eph. ii. 8-9.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The special services in connection with the Week of prayer closed on Sunday afternoon last with an address by Rev. Dr. Potts of the Metropolitan Church. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the main body of Shaftesbury Hall was well filled, and a pleasing feature was the large number of young men present.

The address was intensely practical, and was delivered with much power. The text chosen was John xxi, 21-22, the subject being the nature and obligation of Christian discipleship. Discipleship implies following Christ, and this in turn embraces believing Christ—obeying Christ—imitating Christ—and loving Christ.

In speaking of imitating Christ Dr. Potts remarked that wherever you see Jesus while on earth you see Him just where and how he ought to be. In communion with God and in the fullest sympathy with man. With strong compassion for the unsaved and with sympathy for all. Forgiving all who hated him. Seeking ever the glory of

God, and always faithful in service. In all these points we should imitate Jesus.

As to our obligations, he said "Nothing can justify a refusal to follow Christ. Under certain circumstances it is a grand thing to be able to say No." It was by so doing that Joseph—Daniel—The Hebrew Children,—Peter—John and many other Bible heroes had secured such a grand reputation. But when it comes to the question of following Christ none can be justified in saying No! No opposition from friends—no peculiarities in self—no feeling of unworthiness, or of guilt, can be admitted as a plea. No inconsistencies in others can be accepted as a reason for not following Christ. When we attempt to plead the failures in others, we are met with the words "What is that to THEE follow THOU me."

He closed with a strong appeal to Christian Young Men to follow Christ as Caleb followed the Lord "FULLY." And those who had not yet commenced he urged to begin following, and to begin NOW!

Mr. W. H. Howland occupied the chair and gave in a few words a most impressive testimony as to the sufficiency in Christ to meet all the demands of a Young Man's nature.

Thus closed what we believe to have been a season of blessing to many souls. May the work be carried on till much fruit shall be gathered into the garner above.

NOONDAY PRAYER.

Our Noonday meeting for prayer has been a season of much spiritual refreshing during the past, and especially so during the Week of Prayer and the few days which have since elapsed. The attendance has increased, and a spirit of earnestness is manifested.