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#### "YOU OUGHT TO BE WITH US."

As our much-loved friend, the late Dr. James W. Alexander, of New York, was one day passing out of a warehouse where he had been making a purchase, he met near the door one of the clerks whom he knew, and, touching him on the shoulder, kindly and earnestly said, "*My dear, you ought to be with us.*"

He passed on, not knowing at the time whether any impression had been made by the remark. But the "winged word," sped by the Holy Spirit, found its way to the heart of the young man, and in a little while he was *with them* who are indeed God's people.

A London clergyman said lately in a public meeting that he had met with an infidel not long before who told him that "he wished all the churches were swept from the land, beginning with Spurgeon's." "Then which of you infidels will be the first to take upon himself the responsibility of Mr. Spurgeon's Orphanage?" was the clergyman's reply. There was a silence following the question which was very expressive.

The late Dr. William Anderson, of Glasgow, is credited with the remark that he would "rather have the praise of God led through the pipes of the organ than through the carnal throat of an ungodly precentor."

**CHEERFULNESS.**—God bless the cheerful person—man, woman or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely. Over and above every social trait stands cheerfulness. What the sun is to nature, what God is to the stricken heart which knows how to lean upon him, are cheerful persons in the house, by the wayside. They go unobtrusively, unconsciously, about their silent mission, brightening up society around them with the happiness beaming from their faces. We love to sit near them; we love the nature of their eyes, the tone of their voice. Little children find them out, oh! so quick, amid the densest crowd, and passing by the knitting brow and compressed lip, glide near, and laying a confiding little hand on their knee, lift their clear, young eyes to those loving faces.

The "Andover herey" is working out its appropriate fruits. Its tendency is to beguile men into the belief that they "shall not surely die." The *National Baptist* gives one illustration:—"The other day a minister of Christ, pleading with an irreligious man, was met with the following self-satisfied remark: 'I'm too busy now to think about that. And then, I suppose, of course, those Andover men know, who have been studying out the question. Anyhow, it's good hearing for us who haven't time to attend to these things now, that we shall have another chance given us.'"

Show me a father who fences his home around with God's commandments, and lights it up with domestic comforts and pleasures, and anchors himself to his home, and I will show you the best kind of restraint from dangerous evening resorts.

I expect to pass through this world but once. If therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, to any fellow-being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it; for I shall not pass this way again.

When one turns to the Lord, it must be with a "full purpose of heart." No half-way work in God's service.

How blessed a constitution would be the Christian church, if all the members did their duty!