

**“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”**

Isa. lv. 1.

### SINK YOUR WELL.

**T**HE easiest time to dig a well is in wet weather, but the best time to dig one is in a time of drouth. Many wells sunk in times of spring freshets or autumn rains, in a little while are dry, and then the well has to be taken up and sunk deeper. The best time to sink a well, and the only time when perpetual supply of water can be obtained, is in a time of drouth; then, as the well goes deeper and deeper it passes beyond the surface water, and strikes those hidden currents which feed it from unfailling fountains.

There are many souls whose only knowledge of the water of life is gained in times of freshets, in revivals, when everything seems afloat; when the windows of heaven seem opened, and the earth beneath is saturated with the abundant showers. Then they know the blessedness of living water; but in the time of drouth, when comforts wither and joys depart, when all tokens of reviving have vanished, and when everything seems like barrenness and desolation, they too feel the blight of prevailing influences, and become like fountains that fail. Then is the time to sink such wells. Go deeper, learn, something of the depths of the love of God. Go down through all the surface water, until you strike the divine reservoir which cannot fail. Then, as from an Artesian fountain their gushes up a stream which cannot fail, so in your heart the word that Christ has given shall be unto you a well of waters springing up into everlasting life. Sink your well. Do not wait for a freshet, do not wait for a revival; now, is your time of drouth and desolation, go to your Bible; go to your closet; go to your Saviour; go to your God. Do not forsake the living waters; do not hew out broken cisterns that hold no water. Dig deep. Taste the divine fulness. Dwell in God, and God shall dwell in you—*The Christian*.

### CONSISTENCY.

**I**F Noah, when he was building the ark for the salvation of himself and house, had at the same time been erecting a block of buildings on the other side of the way for a summer residence, it is doubtful whether such an illustration of his faith would have condemned the world; and though he himself might have entered the ark, it is by no means certain that his children would have followed his example; and the wicked world around would have said:—“Noah is a pretty shrewd old man; he intends to be prepared whatever comes, rain or shine. If there is a flood he will take to the ark, and if not he will be comfortably situated on dry land.” Noah prepared the ark. There was building and planting going on around it, but he did not do it. He shewed his faith by his works, and this is the apostolic way to exhibit it. Let men say *the thing they mean and act the thing they say.*—(Selected.)

### MISSED THE MARK.

**A** WESTERN farmer wrote a letter to the officers of Yale College, and asked them if they would charge him anything extra if they would teach his son mathematics, astronomy and the languages, as well as rowing. They seem to have been missing the mark. This incident reminds us of an Association whose President wrote asking us to send them a book of select readings, they were going to give readings weekly. This was their work: surely they have missed the mark. Another Association wrote us they had a friend not a member of the Association (not even a Christian man) who came in Sunday afternoons and read them a poem. Away with such trash; they are probably Young Men's Associations, but not Young Men's Christian Associations. They have entirely missed the mark.—*Y. M. C. A. Watchman*.

Kindness is the music of good-will to men, and on the harp the smallest fingers may play heaven's sweetest tunes on earth.