

## Your life is hid with Christ in God.—Col. iii. 3.

you, I would say to you, believe His Word now, which says, "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life." (John 3 : 36.)

### Can They Shew Us a Better Way?

THE Bishop of Liverpool, in the course of a sermon recently delivered in that city, remarked:—"It is cheap and easy work to sneer at dogma, to scoff at Inspiration and the Atonement, to make merry at the controversies of Christians, and to tell us that no one really believes all the Bible, or all the facts enumerated in the Belief. But sneers, and mud, and noise are not arguments.

"I challenge those who sneer at dogma to show us a more excellent way, to show us anything that does more good in the world than the old, old story of Christ dying for our sins, and rising again for our justification. The man of science may say, 'Come with me and look through my microscope and telescope, and I will show you things which Moses, David, and St. Paul never dreamed of. Do you expect me to believe what was written by ignorant fellows like them?' But can this man of science show us anything through his microscope or telescope which will minister to a mind diseased, bind up the wounds of a broken heart, satisfy the wants of an aching conscience, supply comfort to the mourner over a lost husband, wife, or child?"

[For OUR MISSION.]

### Christian Work in New York.

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By the Editor.

WHILE visiting the institutions to which we have already referred, we were advised to take in upon one day's programme a visit to the Christian Home for Intemperate Men. We so, decided, and with Mr. John Currie, Evangelist, we sallied forth from our hotel, and proceeded to the beautiful Home referred to. We regretted that we had not made an earlier start, as we found on reaching our destination that the morning services were just closing. We were cordially received by the Clerk in charge, and while waiting the conclusion of the service, had an opportunity for securing some information regarding the object had in view, and the methods adopted for securing the same. From this conversation and reference to the printed reports we gathered the following.—

The object of this Institution is not to seek the cure of the intemperate by medical treatment, nor is it intended to be an asylum for permanent residence.

It was opened with the full assurance that, though men may be helped by *mere* moral and physical agencies, such agencies are insufficient—and, indeed, cannot of themselves *save* men.

It is sought to impress upon the intemperate that

drunkenness is a sin toward God—to be repented of and forsaken; and that, unless *regenerated* by the Spirit of God, healing cannot be effected; and it is aimed to lead him to the Great Physician, who is alone able to save from all sin and heal the soul.

No one is received for a less time than four weeks, and experience recommends a residence in the Home of not less than eight weeks.

Every instrumentality and influence in the Home is made to serve this supreme end—the conversion of the sinning one. Any applicant, however wretched his appearance or low his condition, receives a kind greeting and patient hearing. If it is reasonably evident that he comes with an honest purpose to abandon his evil habits, he is admitted. In case he is still under the influence of alcohol,—especially if he needs to be placed in the temporary hospital he is treated with some ordinary sedative. Other medical attendance is rarely required. After two or three days, except for opium patients, no medicine is used. Inmates, who have means of their own, or friends able to help them; are expected to pay according to the accommodations provided; but all alike, rich or poor, come under the same regulation respecting recourse to drugs or palliatives.

Abundant and nutritious food is supplied; the quiet and comforts of a true home are enjoyed, and the temptation or opportunity to drink is absolutely removed; but constant and chief reliance is placed upon moral motives.

The appeal is made to reason and conscience, enlightened by the word of God. The one observing aim is to bring men face to face with the Truth, knowing that the Truth, when accepted makes free. Nothing else will. The drunkard stands upon the same footing as every other sinner. Only the grace of God can save him. This he must receive voluntarily, intelligently, unreservedly.

The Bible is studied daily and systematically. At the morning devotions a portion of scripture is read and commented upon at length by the Manager or Assistant. Every inmate is afterwards expected to take his Reference Bible and search out the corresponding or explanatory passages, usually writing them out in full. This impresses the words and the meaning as cursory reading cannot. Evening prayers are also regularly maintained.

Among the most positive and fruitful agencies in the Home is the influence of the members upon each other. As one after another gets his feet upon the Rock, he naturally and gladly turns round to stretch out a hand to those struggling to gain a place beside him. A spirit of tender sympathy and helpfulness thus pervades the entire circle; not only strengthening the resolutions of every new convert, but preparing them all for similar efforts when they have left the Home. It is gratifying to know that a large number of those who have gone out from this companionship, engaged at once in some form of Christian work, not as a means of support, but as an expression of gratitude