

of the life that is in me, I cannot do otherwise." As impossible is it for a man to be a true Christian, and yet be careless as to whether others be saved or lost. The true Christian would take all the world to heaven with him if he could.

Learning and eloquence are not at all essential to soul-winning. Let then, no one refrain from labouring for this end, because he is destitute of them.

It is sometimes said that one ought not to ask an unconverted professor of religion to labour for the salvation of souls. The fact of his being unconverted, does not free him from the obligation to do so. If one, of his own free will, put himself into a certain position, he is bound to perform all the duties pertaining to it. A father is not, because he is an ungodly man, freed from the obligation to attend to family worship, and in other ways train up his children in the fear of God.

Professing Christian reader! if thou have not yet begun to labour for the salvation of souls, begin at once, and thereby join thyself to the St. Andrew's Society which forms the subject of this article. The night is coming in which thou shalt not be able to work (John ix. 4).

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Christian Miscellany.

A RETROSPECT OF THIRTY YEARS.

IT has been my happy lot during these thirty years to have seen a steady and wide spread increase of Christian influence in the public life of the country. The remarkable events which have taken place in the ecclesiastical world—the public and frequent assertions of Christian principles to which those events led, and the almost universal quickening of pulpit teaching throughout the land which accompanied and followed them—having heightened the conception of the aims of life, and led public men to serious thought regarding their obligations to Christian truth. And it was our great good fortune as a nation to have had a succession of upright men pledged to Christianity in prominent places in our Parliaments. The late Earl Derby committed himself early to the side of Christianity by an exposition of the parables, which he wrote for his children. Earl Russell was known as a Bible

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