

the first line of the favorite hymn 'What's the News.' As the closing verse is sung, few are silent or unmoved.

And then if any one should say
 What's the news? What's the news?
 Oh! tell them you've begun to pray,
 That's the news; that's the news.
 That you have joined the conquering band,
 And now with joy at God's command.
 You're marching to the better land,
 That's the news; that's the news.

Then follows the closing prayer and benediction. On several occasions this had to be pronounced twice, and though at midnight, all had not dispersed."

One lesson which the writer draws from the facts which came under his own observation is the value of early instruction. The elements of truth, lodged in many minds, lay there like life seeds, hidden but not dead. And under the genial influences of the time of revival, they suddenly sprang up and bore fruit an hundred fold. There was a wonderful quickening of the memory in those who were awakened, and when the light shone in upon the darkened soul, it was like the opening of the shutter, revealing a well furnished apartment, filled already with all things needful for use and comfort. Those who had been carefully trained and taught in youth, were in general the most satisfactory for their after progress in the divine life.

Another special lesson which he inserts is "the power of urgent personal dealing. We who work for the Master are too slack and listless with perishing men,"—and he supports this by the following narrative. "A young man who had been savingly changed, felt shortly afterwards a strong desire to visit his brother, who lived near. This drawing he could not explain, but it was too strong to be resisted, and accordingly he set out under the conviction that there was a work before him to be done. When he arrived, his message was soon told. He spoke of the change which had passed upon his own soul, and pressed the great salvation on the acceptance of all who heard. Still his brother was unmoved. 'You need not speak to me about those things,' he said 'I have heard of them long before.' But the messenger pleaded on and could not return. When the evening drew on they were together alone, and again the same arguments were used, but seemingly with little prospect of good. At length when the night was far gone, he almost began to despond of present success, and arose to go, but he could not leave. Again he returned to prayer and pleading, and before the morning broke, his brother was convicted by his side."

Christ has said "strive to enter in." This is a struggle for a crown, but the crown gained does not end the struggle. If you have got the life within your own soul, it will be commended to the soul of your neighbor too. It is in the glow of the first love that there is the unwearied persistence of earnestness. When one is converted in a family, he becomes a fireside preacher, and is often the means of bringing others to the Lord. It is to this outgoing of love that many owe the safety that is enjoyed to-day.

There are various instances of awakening and conversion to God given, types of classes, which we omit with reluctance; though perhaps the picture of what a Church might and ought to be, the spiritual life and energy, and the large and full blessing accompanying them is here clear