

A young lady inquired for Shakspeare. I told her my books had more good things than Shakspeare, and none of his bad things. As she would not purchase, I left her a tract on the Value of the Bible.

Found a young man who was sick, and expecting soon to die with consumption. Said he had hoped in Christ about eight months, and that he would not turn his hand over to secure life. He bought some books on practical piety.

Called at the house of a veteran English soldier, who had been in the army 19 years, and had served in the Spanish wars under Wellington. He showed me his medal for having been engaged in the hard fought battles of Vittoria and Corunna. The old man says he loves the Saviour now. As I parted with him, I told him I hoped he would be more faithful in his service to the Prince of Peace, than he ever had been to the "Iron Duke."

Met a young Universalist woman who said, she supposed, according to my views, that her father and brother were in hell, and if so, she wished to go there also. I told her she did not know what she was saying; and tried to show her the daring impiety of such language, but she only insisted on it the more, that she was satisfied with her present belief,—and that if her father and brother were in hell, she could not be willing to go to heaven.

One house I found occupied by a young man and woman, who were but recently married. Had considerable freedom in urging them to begin their married life as Christians, and to commence at once the discharge of their religious duties.

Sept. 20.—I called upon an aged man, above 80, who has read his Bible once through since the commencement of 1851, and is nearly through Isaiah, in the second reading. It was a privilege to kneel with him and his aged partner around their family altar, and lead their morning devotions at the throne of grace.

Became considerably interested in a medical student, who said he sometimes studied his professional books on the Sabbath. Spoke to him of its being a sin, and urged him to buy a Sabbath Manual, telling him that he ought by all means to investigate the subject thoroughly before presuming thus to appropriate hours which should be sacred to the Lord. As my repeated solicitations, seconded by his mother, could not prevail on him to buy, I offered to give him the book if he would promise to read it. Still he refused, alleging as a reason, that *he had no time to read*. Poor young man; he had time on the Sabbath to study medicine, but none for enquiring whether he had a right thus to study medicine or not!

Met a good old Scotch woman who lived within two miles of religious meetings, by crossing the line into Vermont, but staid at home on the Sabbath, because it was seven or eight miles to the nearest meeting in Canada. When asked, why she did not go down into Vermont, and attend meeting, "because," said she, "*my heart will na' let me go out of the kingdom for that.*"

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