

ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

TONY.

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cry, and Tony lay quite still, while the terrified brute rushed down the street.

Tender hands lifted the little figure, all bruised and trampled; the child was dying.

"I tried to hold him, 'deed an' honest. I didn't want fi' cents. You said, "Love one another,"—the voice grew weaker, and faltered but went bravely on,—"an' I was a-tryin', 'deed an' honest."

It was all over; the loving heart had ceased to beat, and Frank's little shadow had gone away. But Frank never forgot; and to-day in the churchyard stands a low marble slab, bearing the simple inscription, "Tony," and beneath, "He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

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have you done with Christ?" "What!" you say, "Me?" Yes, you. The question before you is the very same one that Pilate asked: "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Have you received Him, or have you rejected Him? Remember that is the question God has in store for you. On the great day that is coming, God will not ask, "Whom do you vote for in this election?" or "What party did you sympathize with?" or "Who was your favorite?" but He will ask, "What have you done with my Son?" You need not say, "I'll be neutral; I'll neither receive Christ nor reject Him. Pilate tried that, but failed. There was no middle ground. It was simply

CHRIST OR THE WORLD—WHICH?

And that is the question with you, reader.

Does the world think any more of Christ now than 1800 years ago? O no. Go into that company, there, and say, "Let us have a little talk about Christ;" and they say, "Away with Him; we don't want to hear about Him; we'll talk of anything, anybody but Him." The vote of the world is still the same. God says, "Seek first the kingdom of God." But people say No, we must see this election over first. Mr. So-and-So is to be the man and he must be put in. God says Christ is to be the Man, and He is to be first; and the world virtually says he must be second this time. What terrible folly! Reader, you may be a voter, although possibly you are not. But no matter. In the midst of all this noise I ask, Are you born again? Is your soul saved? If not, what will this great ado profit you if God were to say, "Thou fool. THIS NIGHT thy soul shall be required of thee?" What then? Ah! "Lost for ever," you would cry: "and I might have been saved had I taken God's plan, and got CHRIST first." Then reader, I beseech you, even as you are reading this, to be reconciled unto God.

People say they don't believe in excitement. But look at the great excitement that prevails just now. And if you got only half as much excited about your soul's salvation the world would say you were getting into "too great a state!" How Satan is blindfolding the people! But don't be deceived, reader. Don't be afraid of getting excited about your soul. It will be terribly exciting for you to go to hell, for there you must go if you have not got Christ—if you are not converted to God. Then don't tarry. Let others get excited about the election or whatever they like—"Make your calling and election sure." Take the lost sinner's place, and claim the lost sinner's Saviour. While others are crying up this one or that one, and wondering who's to be the man, let the language of your soul be—"The Man Jesus for me."

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