

NEAR ENOUGH WON'T DO!

CONVERSING one day with a civil engineer, he introduced the subject of road-making and drainage. "I had a first-rate foreman," he said; "I could always rely upon his work, whether there myself to oversee it or not. The secret of it all was this—he never would say, 'That's near enough', but always insisted upon having every fall and joint perfectly exact.

And I wended my way homeward musing over this fact. "True my friend," thought I: "'near enough' won't do in your work, then will it do in the great work of a soul's salvation?"

Every part of the plan of pardon must be perfect or no soul can be saved. "Near enough" won't do. But God on His part did not stop short at "near enough" and man on his part must not. Note well these two great facts.

(1) God has provided a perfect Salvation. A perfect Saviour. Thus the Lord found that "near enough would not do."

(2) Nor must man stop short at "near enough." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Nothing short of this can save.

Now your temptation, my sober, moral and church going friend, may be to imagine that these things in themselves bring you "near enough." Pray do not deceive yourself. "Near enough" on your part will not do.

Therefore lay to heart this solemn fact. If you could live fifty years and only commit one small sin, and after this live fifty more without even one, and then die, you could not enter heaven unless washed white in the precious blood of Christ. Does this seem hard? It is the teaching of God!

One sin unpardoned would shut heaven against you for ever and ever.

"Near enough" saved means quite lost. As Christ must be a perfect Saviour, so must you be perfectly saved. There is no middle course. No reformation will suffice, however thorough, no morality, however pure. "Ye must be born again." "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.
8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.
9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Have I Personally Appropriated the Lord Jesus to the Needs of my own Soul? John vi 47-53. Rev. H. Melville.

WEDNESDAY MAY 21.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Be Prepared and Watchful for Christ's coming. Matt. xxv. 1-13. H. B. Gordon.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Our Assembled Lord. 1. Cor. ix. 24-28; John xiv. 3. Rev. J. Saloon.
6.30 p.m.—WORKERS' MONTHLY SOCIAL.

FRIDAY MAY 23.

12 to 12.45 noon.—The Backslider's Cry. Ps. li.
Rev. W. C. Young.
8 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, May 24.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Liberal Giving. 2 Cor. ix. 1-15. S. R. Briggs.
4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.
7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. J. J. Gartshore.

SUNDAY, MAY 25.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.
Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Briggs.
Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.
Italian Class.
8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. Geo. T. Ferguson. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 11.5.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

SUNDAY, MAY 18.

3 p.m.—Union Station. Alex. Saunders and A. White.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. T. Cullen.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,