

under all the thundering sermons you may preach on law and terrors, men may go to sleep ; for

“Law and terrors do but harden
All the while they work alone.”

There are more flies caught with honey than vinegar, and more souls brought to Christ by the sweet sacrifice of Jesus, than by all the thunderings that ever issued from mortal lips.—*Spurgeon*.

PREACHING CHRIST.

THE preaching of Christ is, I believe, the great mission of the gospel ministry. “These are the servants of the most high God that show unto us the way of salvation.” He is God’s servant who preaches the way of salvation through Christ Jesus. Now I desire to preach to you, and all people, not a doctrinal Christ—not a controversial Christ—but a personal Christ. Christ Jesus, my Lord and Master, came down from heaven with a desire for the salvation of men. He became a man—a man in suffering, in woe, in toil, in poverty, and at last he did hang upon the tree, and die in torments extreme, that he might redeem his enemies from going down to the pit. Friend ! I hear you say, “I don’t care for religion.” I don’t ask you to. One thing I ask you, don’t despise Jesus. The crucified one stands before you to-night. Will you despise him ? “Ah !” said a young man to me the other evening, “when first I heard the word of God, I wondered if Christ died for me ; at last I came to this thought, if he did not die for me, I must love him for his disinterested love in dying for others : when I see the misery he endured for the very men who spit on his face—who did mock him—I must love him.”—*Spurgeon*.

WHEN JONES’S board-bill was presented, he said he did not have enough money to pay it, opening his wallet at the same time. His landlady, seeing quite a number of bank-notes, rather doubted his word, and inquired what denomination those bills were. “Denomination ?” said Jones. “Well, I don’t know ; but I guess they must be of the Unitarian denomination, for they are all ones.”

AN ENGINE DRIVER and stoker on the Midland Railway recently called at the shop of a well-known temperance man and Good Templar in Derbyshire, and asked him to show them where Messrs. _____’s spirit vaults were situated. “Yes,” replied the Good Templar, “come this way.” And, taking them through his shop and house, the back of which faces the parish churchyard, he said, pointing to the graves : “There are the vaults, but the spirits are all gone.”

DR. REID, the celebrated medical writer, was requested by a lady of literary eminence to call at her house. “Be sure you recollect the address,” said she, as she quitted the room, “No. 1 Chesterfield-street.” “Madam,” said the Doctor, “I am too great an admirer of politeness not to remember Chesterfield, and, I fear, too selfish ever to forget number one.”

LULLY, the composer was dangerously ill. A confessor told him there was only one way by which he could obtain absolution, and that was by burning all that he had composed of an unpublished opera. Lully burnt the music. On his recovery a nobleman said : “You have burned your opera, and you are really such a blockhead.” “Stop, my friend, stop,” said Lully, whispering in his ear, “I knew very well what I was about ! I have another.”

THE *UTICA Herald* says men will never know what effect it would have had on Job if eleven little girls had called on him, one after another, and tried to sell him Sunday-school picnic tickets.

THE *Congregationalist* sagely observes : — “It is only in the pulpit that stripplings are preferred. The professions of medicine and law demand maturity. The congregations seem to have an appetite for ‘veal.’”

UNIFORM LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER—NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

- Nov. 2. Jesus and the Young Matt. 19, 13-22.
 “ 9. Hosanna to the Son of David Matt. 21, 8-16.
 “ 16. The Lord’s Supper Matt. 26, 26-30.
 “ 23. Jesus in Gethsemane Matt. 26, 36-40.
 “ 30. Jesus before the High Priest Matt. 26, 59-68.
 Dec. 7. Jesus before the Governor Matt. 27, 11-26.
 “ 14. The Crucifixion Matt. 27, 45-54.
 “ 21. The Resurrection Matt. 28, 1-8.
 “ 28. REVIEW.