

faction of religious needs. A great deal might be learned by the study of nature, which formed a theme for more than one psalm, especially that of the 24th which describes a storm bursting over the land. The manifestation of God, too, as described in some of the psalms, should be taken literally.

The Mirage of To-morrow.

Show me your to-day, and I can judge of your to-morrow. It to-morrow is to be strong and sweet and beautiful, then to-day must be devoted to the development of the graces desired. To-morrow must get to be to-day before it comes to its kingdom. To-day is the golden age of your life and mine. To-day is the garden of our career. To-day the love of God broods over our souls. To-day angels come on errands of sympathy and love to weary and tempted hearts. To-day all things are possible to him that believeth. To-day Christ is ready to bestow upon you the gift that will give you power to become a son of God. To-day the air is like magic. Breathe it with faith and courage. Act not in some to-morrow vague and illusory, but now. "To-day is the day of salvation."—Dr. Louis Albert Banks.

Evening Hymn.

Jesus Lord we pray to Thee;
On this Sabbath eve may we
Thy salvation fully see—
Hear us Holy Jesus.

May our love ere stronger grow,
Whilst we strive on earth below;
That in Heaven we Thee may know—
Hear us Holy Jesus.

May we live from day to day
Helping others on their way;
"Well done" may we hear Thee say—
Hear us Holy Jesus.

Heed our prayers on this thy night;
Help us all to win the fight,
Trusting only in Thy might—
Hear us Holy Jesus.

A Prayer.

Almighty God, who has caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world, we beseech Thee that our hearts may be so kindled with heavenly desires, and thy love so shed abroad in us by thy Holy Spirit, that we may continually seek the things which are above; and, abiding in purity of heart and mind, may at length attain unto thine everlasting kingdom, there dwell in the glorious light of thy presence, world without end. Amen.

The blessings of civil and religious liberty are ours today, remarks the United Presbyterian, because of the religion of Jesus Christ. If we take the Church out of this country, and all that it stands for, and the influences which have their inspiration in the Church, property value would depreciate, schools would crumble to ruin, colleges and charitable institutions would decay and the rights of man would soon be disregarded. Our readers would not today live in any land where the gospel of the Lord Jesus is not respected; they would not invest their money there; they would not remove their families there to be trained and educated. It is Christianity that has caused men to respect the lives and property rights of others.

God is all to thee: if thou be hungry, he is bread; if thirsty, he is water; if in darkness, he is light; if naked, he is a robe of mortality.—St. Augustine.

Our Young People

Feb. 28. Heroism in China.

Some Bible Hints.

Blessed are we when men persecute us and even stone us (v. 19), but only when it is "for righteousness' sake."

"He rose up" (v. 20); and every Christian is sure to rise out of trouble bravely borne for Christ, though perhaps it may be his happy lot to "rise up" in heaven.

"Continue in the faith" (v. 22) Paul preached. That is the only "continuing city" we have on earth.

"Through much tribulation" (v. 22) we are to enter the Kingdom of God. Perhaps that will tell some of us whether we have yet entered it.

Lessons from Chinese Endeavorers.

A day was set during the Boxer massacres for the killing of all Chinese Christians that did not recant. The next Sunday ninety Endeavorers met in one society.

After the Boxer massacres, out of one Chinese society of forty only twenty were left, and only twelve out of a society of sixty-five.

During the Boxer massacres the Chinese Endeavorers did not dare to sing in their meetings, but they met just the same.

One Chinese Endeavorer, when the Boxers sent for him, put on his best clothes, because, as he said to his murderers, he expected to be taken to the palace of his King. After cutting off his head, they cut out his heart to see where he got his courage.

A young man and woman, both Chinese Endeavorers, were seized by the Boxers on the evening of their wedding, just as they had made their vows, "till death us do part." He was killed and she horribly injured by their swords.

One San Francisco Chinese society of forty-four members gave for church work one year \$1,521.88.

A Philadelphia Chinese society supported one of their number while he studied to become a missionary in Canton.

To Think About.

How am I using my great opportunities?
What am I doing to spread the gospel in China?

How would my Christianity stand the test which Chinese Christians must meet?

Said about Missions in China.

Let us preach, preach, preach, and in that way shall we lighten China with Christian truth.—George Owen.

As famine proved a mighty blessing to aid Jacob's people, it has proved a mighty blessing to the people of old India and China.—J. H. Loughlin.

Dr. Babcock's address at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference closed with the words: "Lord Jesus, I cannot go myself, but here is my substitute; use him, and let me serve Thee as the angels do night and day; he is the night in China, and I in the day in America."

Secretarial Slips.

Not to give to each person elected to office or to membership a plainly written statement to that effect.

Not to take full notes of all business transacted.

Not to write out those notes as soon as he gets home.

Not to carry his records and the society's constitution to every society meeting.

Not to keep the list of members corrected

and up to date.

Not (if corresponding secretary) to hand promptly to the president every communication received from outside.

Not to call the roll at the consecration meeting in a clear voice.

Not to call it in different ways.

Not to be familiar with the minutes, so as to tell, when called upon, just what has been done along any line.

In Christ God is the Father of all mankind. This is the glorious discovery of the Christian gospel. This, according to the Christian faith, is the very foundation of the order of the world and of human life. . . . We do not tell men that God will become their Father as the result of their repentance and their belief in his mercy revealed through Christ, but that because he is already their Father they should repent and believe.—R. W. Dale.

The child thinks of its mother with perfect confidence that it has a place of refuge in times of need; but the mother thinks of her child with careful and unselfish love and keeps continual guard. Such is our childish thought, that often only turns to God in times of need; and such is the pure love of God that keeps continual watch to bring us strength and joy.—I O R.

Daily Readings.

- Mon., Feb. 22 —David's heroes. 1 Chron. 11: 17-19
- Tues., Feb. 23.—David's heroism. 1 Sam. 17: 33-51
- Wed., Feb. 24.—Jonathan's heroism. 1 Sam. 14: 1-14
- Thurs., Feb. 25.—Paul's heroism. Acts 18: 5-10
- Fri., Feb. 26 —Jason's loyalty. Acts 17: 1-9
- Sat., Feb. 27.—Two sufferers. Acts 19: 23-32
- Sun., Feb. 28 —Topic—Heroism and other lessons from China. Acts 14: 19-23

It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.—Philip Bailey.

Man is a sign of God, a symbol of the Infinite. The growth of a single hair is as mysterious as the creation of a world. The touch of the Almighty is upon everything. The smallest atom and the planet Jupiter are symbols of equal importance. The same Power holds each in His grasp.—Presbyterian Journal.

Business has wheeled into line with religion on many practical points to-day. The lad who drinks or gambles, even a little, finds no welcome in a progressive business man's office or store. The Ten Commandments are not old-fashioned; they are squarely up-to-date, and the boy who keeps them is in the line of advancement.

According to the Missionary Review of the World, twenty-nine of the American Foreign Mission Boards contribute \$7,000,000 to Foreign Missions, the English societies giving about the same amount.