

Further, if I understand your position, you affirm that all the frightful evils which have shocked us along the line of the history of humanity, are results to be attributed purely to man's thoughts, intentions and actions. The atrocities of Nero, the cruelties of Robespierre, the horrible criminality of such monsters as Rush, Peace, and Lefroy, all had conception, birth, and issue from man alone; all iniquity, all evil, the result of the setting of the will and heart of man in the ways of wickedness. Do I understand you clearly? Is your premiss truthfully and fairly stated? Then note the inference and the inevitable conclusion to which your argument leads.

With the admission of the fact of the devil's existence, man's moral character is both mournful and terrible; but if no devil exists to tempt, incite, or precipitate into action, then is man's moral character in itself horrible and diabolical. The denial of the existence of the devil carries with it the darkest impeachment of the human race which modern scepticism has dared to utter. In the faithfulness with which Scripture testimony portrays the solemn facts of man's condition as a sinner, such abominable iniquity as this neither has, or could have, place. So true is it that when men affecting to be wise in their own conceits reject the testimony of God's Word, they not only become fools, but wicked fools.

Many years ago a Welsh minister, a man of God, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said, with a solemn air, "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from heaven were here he could not answer it. If a devil from hell were here he could not answer it." Death-like silence reigned. Every eye was fixed on the speaker. He proceeded:—The question is this,—

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?"

### West End Branch.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

We were delighted with the success of our "Open House" on New Year's Day. The rooms were open all day, and from eight o'clock in the morning till eight o'clock at night the ladies were kept busy supplying visitors with either refreshments or music. Some 500 people visited the rooms during

the day, and over 300 were served with tea and cake, many of them being children who otherwise would not have been able to distinguish New Year's Day from any other day.

Our thanks are due to the friends who kindly helped us with the musical programme, and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the good offices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, without whose co-operation we feel that even our work for young men would be but partially successful. We may mention that their kindness was not confined to the rooms, as they carried some of the good things to those who lacked even the common necessities of life. The Secretary will be glad to hand over to them any money or other gift you may chose to send for them to distribute during the winter months.

### EDUCATIONAL.

Our Educational Classes have been attended much more largely during January than they were the corresponding month last year. It is pleasing to notice the eagerness on the part of some of the pupils to learn their lesson well, as they present a marked contrast to those whose inattention proclaims their indifference and utter lack of desire to learn, much less to excel.

The new class in shorthand has been started with about twenty on the roll, and others are coming in all the time. It is held at an hour that cannot fail to suit all anxious to acquire this art. See the bulletin.

Arrangements have been made for the commencement of a short course in mechanical drawing, to begin about the middle of February. The fee will be one dollar. Do not fail to join if this is in your line of business.

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