

TWO CLASSES ONLY.—There were two classes in the day of Noah's flood, those who were inside the ark, and those who were without; two in the parable of the ten virgins, those who are described as wise, and those who are described as foolish;—two in the account of the judgment day, the sheep and the goats;—two abodes when the last sentence has been passed, heaven and hell.

And just so there are only two classes now—those who are in the narrow way, and those who are in the broad—those who are with Christ, and those who are against him—those who gather with him and those who scatter abroad.—*Rev. J. C. Ryle.*

THREE SORTS OF BAPTISTS.—Whether the following is from the East, South or West, we decline to reveal: Our Association is composed of three sorts of Baptists. 1. Missionary,—very few. 2. Anti-missionary,—quite a number. 3. Omissionary,—a great many! These three divisions run through the ministry and laity. The churches need to read, read, read, and hear vigorous preaching until they go to work.—*Macedonian and Record.*

WORKING AND PRAYING.—The following story was told by Dr. William Arnot, at a soiree in Sir. H. W. Moncreiff's church in Edinburgh, the other evening: "Dr. McLeod and Dr. Watson were in the West Highlands together, on a tour, ere leaving for India. While crossing a loch in a boat, in company with a number of passengers, a storm came on. One of the passengers was heard to say 'The twa ministers should begin to pray, or we'll a' be drowned.' 'Na, na,' said the boatman; 'the little ane can pray if he likes, but the big ane maun take an oar.'"

CONSCIENCE.—When Professor Webster was awaiting his trial for murder, he is said to have complained of his fellow-prisoners for insulting him through the walls of his cell, and screaming to him: "You are a bloody man." On examination, the charge was found wholly groundless. The accusing voices were imaginary—merely the echoes of a guilty conscience. But it is a fearful thought that the soul can be made to ring with such echoes. Surely it is "fearfully and wonderfully made." It is so constituted as to register its own crimes, conduct its own trial, and pronounce condemnation against itself.

TRUTH-SLAUGHTER.—Our civil law recognizes degrees in crime. If a reckless driver on the street, or a careless pilot on a vessel, causes a loss of life, he is not hanged for murder like the man who waylays his neighbour and maliciously takes his life, but he is held guilty of manslaughter in a lower degree, and is punished therefor.

There are many moral offences which are committed, even by very good men, the guilt of which is not fully perceived, because it is only in a lower degree. A man borrows money and neglects to return it. He runs in debt without having a certainty that he will be able to pay. Often thus even by those who are not deliberately dishonest others are defrauded. Now these persons would not steal directly—they would not pick a pocket, but they are guilty of dishonesty in the second or third degree.

Perhaps you ask a minister how large a congregation he has. He does not like to have it thought that he is a man of no account, and his answer gives about double the real size. He does not intend to lie—he merely "stretches" the truth. So men will often make promises which they are not sure to fulfil. They would not be guilty of direct lying, but we fear they might be convicted of truth-slaughter in the second degree.—*St. Louis Record.*

ADVERSITY exasperates fools, dejects cowards, draws out the faculties of the wise and industrious, puts the modest to the necessity of trying their skill, awes the opulent, and makes the idle industrious and active.