

periment a fair trial for a week, without coming to the conclusion that you need an atoning Saviour, an inspired Bible, and a divine living power working in your heart and life, revolutionizing the one and remodeling the other."

"It was the first argument," said my friend, when he told me this story, "that I ever met for which I had no answer. I did try the experiment, and I have never had any difficulty about the atonement since."

Depend on it this is the true way to study theology. A Christian life is the only unfailling crucible for the solution of religious doubts.—*Christian Weekly*.

ONE SESSION OR TWO?—B. F. Jacobs was asked, what are some of the reasons urged in favour of two sessions a day? He replied: "We get the children and part of the grown people in the morning, and the grown people and servants in the afternoon."

A new spelling is proposed for the first word in the phrase "personal consecration to Christ." It should be *purse-and-ail*. Those who scowl when the contribution-box comes around will please take notice.

A child thus beautifully expresses his faith: "Jesus has promised to carry the lambs in his arms, and as I am a little boy it will be easier for Jesus to carry me."

"What makes you love Jesus Christ?" asked an old man, who was not a Christian, of a little girl. "Oh," said she, "because He's so lovely!" Could any one have expressed it any better.

On sunny mornings in early summer, when the mind is most hopeful, and one is prone to take a favourable view of everything and everybody, one may be disposed to enumerate eleven persons amongst one's friends, relations, and acquaintances, who, we think, might be intrusted with a whip, if we ourselves were to be classed amongst the lower animals. On the other hand, in November days, one cannot make out a list of more than five people who could be thus trusted. Probably the mean number is the right thing; and a man of large ac-

quaintance may admit that there are eight persons whom he would allow to be intrusted with a whip. Among the astounding things to be seen in this strange world, not the least astonishing is the fact of such immense power over himself, over the lower animals, and, to some extent, over all those who come near him, being intrusted to every man. And the word "man" in this case certainly includes man, woman, and child. If there are eight persons whom one would trust with a whip to be used upon one's self, is there more than one upon earth whom one could trust to criticise our works and our actions?

Cotton Mather used to say there was a gentleman mentioned in the 19th chapter of Acts to whom he was more deeply indebted than almost any other person,—and that was the town clerk of Ephesus, whose counsel was to do nothing rashly.

EDITORIAL POST-SCRIPT.—Our banner local agent for August is Mr. Henry Laing, of Hamilton, who sends us in 22 new names and the money! Will not our friends everywhere go to work?

Will Pastors aid us by mentioning the Magazine from the pulpit and in their visitations, by securing active local agents, and by sending items from their own fields?

The 20th of the month is our last day for receiving communications; but our friends will greatly oblige by sending earlier, if possible. Just as we are going to press, there arrive three interesting articles. 1. Report of Mr. W. H. A. Claris' ordination, at Sarnia, on 30th July; 2. Notice of Eastern Townships' Association meeting, at Waterloo, on the 10th September; and 3. Satisfactory report of examination of Rev. G. T. Colwell, (from Wisconsin).