

Regions Beyond Notes.



BOY was once seen hurrying to a missionary meeting. Someone surprised at his haste and interest asked the reason of such speed. The reply was, "I am a partner in the business." Friend, could the same be said of you, or are you a dead-head. If so, remember you are also an obstructionist. Why? Because every pound of dead weight has to be moved by the live members of Christ's body. The Master put the case very positively, and teaches there can be no neutrality, for or against, is the position of every one. Dead-heads in the church are stealing, they feed on the activity and reputation of others. They are worse than useless, they count and consume; but add no true increase. Some are all for getting, but always forgetting when it comes to giving. Would it not be well to reveal the story of the unprofitable servant? Jesus does expect activity and service from all who profess to love the Lord below, and who have a name to live. Else why am I a fellow of Lamb, if it is not to learn of Him and to do good unto all men. Angels are not deputed to go preach. I must go, or help in the going of the sent ones. Remember:

"If you cannot give your millions,
You can give your mite;
The smallest gift for Jesus
Is precious in his sight."

In profane as well as sacred history we have many illustrations of the nobility of self-denial. The Syrian maidens allowed their hair to be cut off that it might be twisted into cables for their war ships. The Carthaginian young women cut in pieces their costly silk robes, to make sheaths for their bow-strings. The children of Israel gave their jewels for the building of the tabernacle. Should not we be willing to give our influence, our time, our wealth and our lives to win the world for the Lord Jesus?

While what we do unquestionably influences what we are, it is equally true that what we are, influences and determines the real value of what we do.

Let us not only pray thy kingdom come, rather let it be our motto to do the will of the Lord, Always everywhere.

Said Bobby to the minister at dinner: "Can a church whistle?" "Why do you ask?" "'Cos pa owes \$12 back pew rent, and he says he's going to let the church whistle for it!"

From Wiltshire is sent to us by a well-known minister the following story, conveying its own moral:—A cynical man had a circular sent him, soliciting donations for the erection of a new chapel. The case was strongly recommended by well-known gentlemen. Having read it, the cynic thought he would be clever, and wrote on the margin "Is this a shop? the puff looks like it," and, enclosing it with a single stamp, sent it back. As soon as the minister read the reply, he wrote underneath, "No, sir; it is not a shop, but a bank, in which 'faithful servants put their Lord's money to usury,' but as you did not perceive this, your deposit of *one penny* is declined, and no account has been opened."

Our Study Table and Book Review.

We are glad to find our work and responsibility increasing. The aim will be to speak in a few words an introduction to our large circle of readers for the various Authors and Publishers who favor us with their publications for this purpose. And as tastes and wants differ, we doubt not from time to time new acquaintances will be made, and that the Editor will not be the only one benefitted.

We have received from the publishing house of G. Cohen & Co., 341, Strand, London, England, a parcel of books particularly interesting, not only in their titles, which are as follows: "*Tempers and how to control them*," which for sixpence is well worth knowing. Those who read these hints need in addition to pray, Lord, help. Another on "*Formation of Character*" is very vividly illustrated, and, in its picture as well as type language, gives many corrective and directive suggestions what to seek and what to avoid in the formation of character. The same may be said of "*Memory*" and "*True Manhood*," the latter a book specially designed for young men, and it will do young men good to read it. The author has the highest testimonials to his ability as a lecturer, and writer on Phrenology.

George Routledge & Sons, Broadway, Ludgate Hill, London, England, and New York, U.S., sends a book fragrant in memory, and one which is full of profitable meditation. It is cheap and a very attractive book—"The Imitation of Christ," Thomas A. Kempis. It contains more than crumbs of comfort: it is full of the bread of life. From the same publisher, "*The Biglow Papers*," by Lowell, gotten up in a style imitative of olden times, yet its uniqueness in binding and its uncut edges adds interest and awakens new desire. See and read the Biglow papers.

From the office of "The Christian," Boston, Mass., U. S., we have received some volumes, which at once attracted our attention by the neatness of the design and yet durability of the paper covers, thick manilla. They belong to the series published in connection with "*The Anti-Infidel Library*," edited by H. L. Hastings. The prices run from 5 up to 15 cents each. The subjects are varied and interesting, to wit: "*The testimony of Christ to the truth of the Old Testament*," "*Fourteen Nuts for Septics to Crack*," "*Geological Evolution*," etc. "*Pebbles from the Path of a Pilgrim*," by Mrs. Hastings, is a book of practical life, giving the life-experience of the authoress, which relates, in a pleasing manner, facts and incidents in connection with the Lord's work which was, and is undertaken in faith.

TALMAGE ON RUM, from the National Temperance and Publication Society, New York, U. S., is a cheap and useful volume in paper covers. "Talmage on Rum" is in bold type on the page; and on "Rum, the Worst Enemy of the Working-classes" and "A weed that bewitches," Talmage brings the heat of his soul and the eloquence of his tongue. It is interesting and inspiring reading.

We shall never—through fear of men—strike the colors. We expect YOU to stand by us. Do what YOU can to enlarge our circulation and influence.