

and his God!" pray for that man! Don't answer him sharply, for that would defeat your purpose; but calmly give him a little of your own experience—praying in your heart all the time, that the Spirit might teach him the lesson you wish your words to convey.

"And can others know it?" Well, if there's a *change*, they'll surely know it! We are very quick to notice changes in our friends; especially if it is the change of less liking for ourselves! So sensitive on such a point, that we sometimes run ahead of the truth. Yes; if the man has become a child of God, he *cannot* altogether hide it from us! There's a dulcet sweetness about the language of Canaan, that "bewrays" the speaker. Nothing is a surer test of "others knowing it," than the fact, that no sooner does the man make the least slip, than "Religion" gets all the blame of it!

Now don't begin to say, "Your sickness has done you some good," or "You have got rather more serious of late," or "You have become a professor of Religion," but come right to the point, and say, "I am converted; I have given myself away to Christ, I have become a new creature. If your friend is himself yet outside the 'Wicket Gate,' he will very likely ask you how you got in? and if you left it unlatched, for him to follow!"

You had tried to save yourself; you watched, and strove, and failed, and strove again. And then in despair, you went to Christ, and told him you "couldn't do it!" and just left yourself in his hands, made HIM responsible for your salvation, and at once began to breathe freer! "Is it possible," you say, "that he has received me? that my name is down in the list of his disciples?" Yes, possible enough! He has been in the habit of receiving sinners all along; and you are merely, at this moment, the *last* one!

Seize the gift! And then *use* it!

#### CANON WILBERFORCE—A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE.

The Rev. Albert Basil Orme Wilberforce, M.A., rector of the St. Mary's, Southampton, and Hon. Canon, of Winchester, is the fourth surviving son of the late eminent prelate, Samuel, successively Bishop of Oxford and Winchester, and grandson of the distinguished philanthropist, William Wilberforce, M.P., author of "A Practical View of Christianity." Three generations of gifted and eloquent men is so great a rarity as to be worthy of record. Canon Wilberforce as an orator is per-

haps best known as the "Apostle of Temperance." He has recently written a book on "The Trinity of Evil," which we can heartily recommend to the clergy. The following, from its pages, will speak for itself;

"'The twelfth an amethyst' (Rev. xxi. 20). An amethyst! And why an *amethyst*? Put aside for a moment the unbroken chain of legend which has clusted around the amethyst, and which corroborates the application I would make; treat it from the matter-of-fact, scholarly point of view; put imagination on one side, and translate the word *amethyst* literally. It can bear but one interpretation—a combination of two familiar Greek work; a, not, and *methustos*, a user of strong drink. Its literal, common-sense translation is, 'ABSTINENCE FROM STRONG DRINK.' 'The twelfth an amethyst.' The twelfth regenerating principle upon which, as upon a foundation-stone, the New Jerusalem alone can stand, 'Abstinence from strong drink!' What a marvelous prophecy have we here! Uttered twelve hundred years before the pernicious art of distillation was invented, it points distinctly to the peculiar and special peril of these latter days, and its remedy. How clearly and manifestly *true*, if in the New Jerusalem there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, how manifest to the meanest comprehension, that one of its foundation-stones *must* be the victory over that ever-wasting destruction, which, accompanied by the sigh of hopelessness and the groan or pain, is brutalizing, ruining, pauperizing, and maddening thousands for whom Christ died, and for whom Christ's followers are in a large measure responsible!"—*Pulpit of To-Day*.

#### TORONTO BRANCH OF THE C.C.W.B.M.

This branch of the C.C.W.B.M. was organized on the afternoon of October 26th in the Northern Congregational School-room. Mrs. Burton was asked to preside. After devotional exercises the Secretary explained the special business of the meeting to be the organization of the Branch. The following officers were then elected:—President, Mrs. Enoch Barker; Vice-President, Mrs. John Burton; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Robertson; Secretary, (by appointment of General Committee) Mrs. A. F. McGregor. The constitution for Branches was considered *seriatim* and adopted as a whole. Reports from several of the churches were read. The Branch requested the officers to arrange as to date and place of the regular meetings. The President-elect then took the chair. In response to