

II. Note Its COMPLETENESS.

1. To which we have its testimony.

John iii: 36.

2. His sacrifice.

3. We cannot do more than He.

And because we cannot save ourselves the text is addressed with:

III. UNMISTAKABLE DIRECTNESS.

1. To you, me—"Believe thou," not some one else, but "thou."

2. "Thou" who art: (a) self-righteous; (b) indifferent.

1. For remember your own condition without it—unrepentant, unforgiven, lost.

2. Remember how short a time you have to accept—*now*.

3. Remember what Christ said—John iii: 36—especially last clause.

Funeral Service.**The Moral Insanity of Sinners.**

Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherefore is he to be accounted of?—Isa. ii:22.

MAN can give no good account of himself.—"The whole head is sick and the whole heart faint."—"Thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest." He is the most unaccountable of creatures.

I. HE IS LIMITED IN POWER.

Of yesterday and knows nothing, yet proved self-sufficient and not willing to be instructed even of the Lord of Hosts.

II. HE IS THE ACCOUNTABLE CREATURE and yet the only careless one.

He knows there's to be a judgment, yet acts as if he knew it not.

III. HE IS THE ONLY REASONING CREATURE, yet the only one that acts unreasonably.**IV. HE IS THE ONLY PROPAGATOR FOR ETERNITY, yet the only being prodigal of time.****V. HE IS THE ONLY CREATURE CAPABLE OF APPRECIATING MERCIES, yet the only one who proves himself unthankful.**

Application.—How evidently is man in a lapsed state, morally and spiritually; reason disordered, judgment perverted and ideas of right

confused—like the prodigal, "beside himself."

1. Evident from his neglect of Christ and the means of grace.

2. From his rejection of the aid of the Holy Spirit.

3. From his choice of sin and death instead of holiness and heaven.

FIDES.*

The Days of Our Years.

The days of our years are three-score years and ten, etc.—Ps. xc:10.

WE have in these words a general outline of human life, which embraces features of the deepest interest to man. We have a brief description

I. OF LIFE'S EARTHLY LIMIT: "The days of our years are three-score years and ten."

1. *How long* when viewed in the light of time—in the light of the thoughts and words and deeds which make up life—when compared with the common lot of mankind.

2. *How short* when viewed in the light of eternity. It is soon cut off. With the thought of eternity in our hearts we feel that the longest life is but a handbreadth.

II. LIFE'S COMMON HERITAGE: "Yet is their strength labor and sorrow."

1. Life even at its best estate is made up largely of labor and sorrow, of working and weeping. We find this truth illustrated in the life of Christ, in all history, and in our own personal experience.

2. We should thank God for the labor and the sorrow, for they help us to rise to higher things. "Before I was afflicted," etc.

III. LIFE'S FINAL TRANSITION: "We fly away."

1. *Happy transition* for the *Christian*. The restraints of this cage life are ended. The soul feels the pulse of freedom and flies away to be forever with the Lord.

2. *Hopeless transition* for the *Christless*. Eternal death and despair.

That this final transition may be to