

just estimate either of his virtue, or felicity; for smiles and embroidery are occasional, and the mind is often dressed for show in painted honor and fictitious benevolence.—*Johnson*.

MELCHISEDEK.—The *Israelite Indeed*, in a very interesting article upon the discussion as to who is Melchisedek (or Malchi Zedek), teaches a valuable lesson. After citing the various positions assumed and the proofs employed, he concludes:

"Any of these stories, however, tends to weaken the Apostle's arguments, whose particular force lies in the circumstance that neither father, mother, beginning or end, was known of Malchi Zedek, which made him the foremost of all other types of Jesus, the Highpriest for ever.

"This is another evidence, that when we try to prove too much, we prove nothing, but, on the contrary, destroy even that which is already proved. Superficial theology has done more injury to the cause of Christ and Christianity than all enemies and infidels together have ever been able to do; it is, therefore, high time to rally around the only standard of our faith, the Bible, in which alone we find the truth pure, unmixed with human wisdom and human folly."

GO TO THE PRAYER-MEETING.

Let attendance on the meetings be regular and constant. If your faith is weak, go. If your love is chilled, go. If hope be clouded, go. Every professed Christian, be sure, if possible, to go, that the activities of the soul may be stirred up and drawn out in the service of Christ. If you have for a long time staid away, and the Christian armor has got rusty, go. "Prayer makes it bright," burnishes the shield, the sword, the helmet, and the breast-plate of righteousness. Go, if only a few are expected to be there, for if you stay away the number will be less. Go, expecting the presence and refreshings of the Holy Spirit and expecting to meet Christ there, agreeably to his promise, that where two or three are gathered in his name he will be in the midst of them. Be sure to go, always to go to the prayer-meeting when possible, even at the sacrifice of ease and profit in worldly things, and you will find a rich reward in it to your own soul, and see blessings descend upon the Church of Christ.

IF NONE were to reprove the vicious, excepting those who sincerely hate vice, there would be much less censoriousness in the world. Our Master could love the criminal, while he hated the crime, but we, his disciples, too often love the crime but hate the criminal. A perfect knowledge of the depravity of the human heart with perfect pity for the infirmities of it, never co-existed but in one breast, and never will.—*Colton*.

MISSPENT TIME.—We all complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to do with. Our lives are spent either in doing nothing at all, or in doing nothing to the purpose, or in doing to the purpose, or in doing nothing that we ought to do; we are always complaining our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.—*Seneca*.

TO BE GOOD is to be happy. If we would be happy, we must fulfil all our duties to God and our fellow men. We must be willing to be miserable, if thereby we can increase the happiness of others. We must be benevolent. We must live in accordance with all the laws of our being.

If it is dangerous to be convinced, it is dangerous to listen; for our reason is so much a machine, that it will not always be able to resist when the ear is perpetually assailed.—*Mackenzie*.

LAZINESS beget wearisomeness, and this put men in quest of diversion, play, and company, on which, however, it is a constant attendant; he who works hard, has enough to do with himself otherwise.—*Bruyere*.

EVANGELISTS' ADVICES.

Since I last reported, I visited the townships of Fullarton, Luther, Garafraxa and Erin. In Fullarton, the brethren, McDougal and sister McDougal and one other female are all that call themselves Disciples of Christ, without any sectarian distinction, but the community around them, though they know we are neither Armenians nor Calvinists, are disposed to hear us, and some of them have expressed their approval of our teaching.

When here, an intelligent and respectable gentleman belonging to the Presbyterian Church made some strictures on what he heard respecting conversion, and from which he dissented, in a plain and candid address at the close of the meeting. The congregation quietly listened to both of us without interruption, and in our following meetings the congregations were better than they were before. I hope Fullarton shall be remembered by our Evangelists. In Luther, several members of the Churches of Erin and Garafraxa have been located for some years, and much to their credit, they ceased not to meet on the Lord's day for mutual edification, since they got so near together that they could meet. They and the neighbors keep up a Bible School, which is well attended and doing much good. There are fifteen members so near each other that they can meet as a church, and their first meeting in that