

from the teaching of the New Testament and have come into possession of property to which they have no right. The appeal to law by Christians is to be deprecated, but it would seem 'hat, in such cases, there is no other alternative except the surrender of property that was given for purposes entirely different from those sought by these factionists.—*Christian Evangelist*.

#### WHY PEOPLE DON'T GO TO CHURCH.

Burditt hits many a nail on the head. How like human excuses are the following:

So you are not going to church this morning, my son?

Ah yes! I see. The music is not good; that's a pity. That's what you go to church for, to hear the music. And the less we pay the better music we demand.

And the pews are not comfortable. That's too bad—the Sabbath is a day of rest, and we go to church for repose. The less we do through the week the more rest we clamor for on the Sabbath.

The church is so far away; it is too far to walk, and you detest riding in a street car, and they're always crowded on the Sabbath. That is, indeed, distressing; sometimes when I think how much farther away heaven is than the church, and that there are no conveyances on the road of any description, I wonder how some of us are going to get there.

And the sermon is so long, always. All these things are, indeed, to be regretted. I would regret them more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that you will often squeeze into a stuffed street car, with a hundred other men, breathing an incense of whiskey, beer and tobacco, hang on a strap by your eyelids for two miles, and then pay fifty cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, while in the intervals of the game a scratch band will blow discordant thunder out of a dozen misfit horns right into your ears, and come home to talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the dandiest game you ever saw played on that ground.

Ah, my boy! You see what staying away from church does. It develops a habit of lying. There isn't one man in a hundred who could go on the witness stand and give, under oath, the same reasons for not going to church that he gives to his family every Sabbath morning. My son, if you didn't think you ought to go you wouldn't make any excuses for not going. No man apologizes for doing right.

Yes, too hot to go to church, was the decided exclamation of Mrs. Doolittle, the other Sabbath. Oh, but she went up town on Monday to attend a fire sale of goods, and, indeed, the crowd was so great and the weather so hot that several ladies well nigh died before they could get relief, but Mrs. Doolittle crowded in and stood for two hours, waiting to get a chance to buy two smoked-up, soiled handkerchiefs at five cents a piece which formerly were sold for fifteen cents, and, indeed, she came home and made three calls among her neighbors to tell them how cheap things are selling up at the fire sale.—*Christian World*.

The exercise of every faculty is necessary to its development, and therefore to its life. Inaction, fully carried out, means stagnation and death. On the other hand, over-exhaustion, and, if the period of rest necessary to restore its vigor be denied, it will wear itself out. Health and happiness require that these laws be recognized and obeyed.

#### INCORRUPTIBLE.

A mess of pottage, only a mess of pottage! and yet how many there are who sell their souls for it or for something equally small. Like brilliant stars in a dark night shines forth the example of the incorruptible.

During the American Revolution, while Gen. Reed was President of Congress, the British commissioners offered him a bribe of ten thousand guineas to desert the cause of his country. His reply was: "Gentlemen, I am poor, very poor, but your king is not rich enough to buy me." Wanted, such men as the above, men who cannot be bought, not if all the wealth of the world should be offered in enticement.

The cause of corruption is found in the heart; it needs winnowing, so that the chaff may be blown away; it needs cleansing with the blood of the Lamb, so that it may be washed whiter than snow. Wanted, strong foundations upon which to build incorruptible characters. And where, except upon the Rock that is higher than we, can we hope to rear strong foundations?

A fleet of a hundred vessels lay at anchor in a port of the Mediterranean, when a fearful storm burst upon them and drove them all save one upon the shore. The wonder was how that one could have held anchorage. It was found that its anchor had grappled into another, which lay firmly imbedded in the bottom of the sea. Some one in commenting upon this said, "So the soul anchored to Christ will be able to outride all the storms of temptations."—*Sel*.

#### TURN OUT.

You may be going peaceably about your business; you may have the right of way; the law of the road may be on your side, and you may be in every respect entitled to hold the position you occupy; but here comes Jehu in his chariot. Half the road unquestionably belongs to you, and you have a right to your rights, and right wrongs no man; but Jehu "driveth furiously," and if you stand for your rights there may be a smash.

You are in the streets, where you have a right to be, but somebody is in a hurry; it may be a fire-engine driver, possibly it is a drunken man; he shouts, "Clear the track," and the easiest way may be to turn out and let him go by. You may undertake to stop him, but it may not be best. If you step aside he may soon fetch up in the ditch, and that will stand the shock better than you can. Turn out. Many a man has stood for his rights, and suffered many wrongs. All things are lawful, but all things are not expedient. If a man take away your cloak, give him your coat. If you go to law with him you may lose your shirt before you are done. Turn out!—*Christian Safeguard*.

It was a little sentence, "Christ is a real Saviour for real sinners," whispered to Luther in his monkish cell, but it gave peace to his heart and experimental knowledge of the justifying righteousness of Christ, and began his career as a reformer, and his work still goes on.

Christ built no church, wrote no book, left no money, erected no monument; yet show me ten square miles anywhere on earth without Christianity where the life of man and the purity of women are respected and I will give up Christianity.—*Prof. Drummond*.

#### TRIBUTE TO A MOTHER.

Children, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch bestowed upon you by that hand! Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of gifts, a loving mother. Read the unfathomable love of those eyes; the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In after-life you may have friends; but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which none but a mother bestows. Often do I sigh in the struggles with the hard, uncaring world for the sweet, deep security I felt when, of an evening, nestling in her bosom, I listened to some quiet tale suitable to my age, read in her untiring voice. Never can I forget her sweet glances cast upon me when I appeared asleep; never her kiss of peace at night. Years have passed away since we laid her beside my father in the old churchyard; yet still her voice whispers from the grave, and her eye watches over me, as I visit spots long since hallowed to the memory of my mother.—*Lord Macaulay*.

#### THE THINGS YOU OUGHT TO DO.

Christianity is not a negative matter. It does not content itself with asking that we keep from wrong-doing. We must turn all the energies of our natures toward doing right if we are to meet the Master's requirements.

"I have always tried to avoid doing anything that my conscience told me was wrong," said the rich merchant to the young preacher.

"Very good, so far," replied the preacher, "and have you always tried to do all the things that your conscience told you you ought to do?"

The merchant made no reply at first. After a moment's thought he confessed that the question presented a phase of the subject of duty that he had not been wont to consider sufficiently.

He had been careful to avoid "sins of commission," but he had not avoided "sins of omission." The young preacher's question threw a great search-light upon a path full of neglected duties.—*Young People's Weekly*.

#### LEXINGTON KY.

The dark clouds of war have settled over the United States, but she is able to protect everyone who seeks shelter 'neath her wing.

There is a greater war raging now than this will ever be. It is between the Right and the Wrong; and the cry goes out for volunteers to enlist on the side of King Emmanuel.

"Young men," come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. On about the 12th of next September come to the Bible College at Lexington, Ky., and be drilled in the "Word of God," and fit yourself for a life's service for him.

Professor Keith has been elected to fill the chair in moral philosophy, made vacant by the resignation of our good and faithful brother, Robert Graham.

Queen Victoria's birthday was celebrated by her subjects here by a banquet.

Bros. Stephenson and Simpson expect to visit their homes in P. E. I. this June.

The writer, with another brother, intends holding some meetings in Indiana as soon as school closes. O. H. BUCHANAN.