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TOO BCSY TO LOOK REAVENWARD.
 T is said that Henry IV., on one occasion, asked the Duke of Alra if he had noticed the eclipse that had recently occurred. He replied. $\because$ I have so much to do on earth that I have no time to look up to heaven." Alas! how large is the number of the persons who have so much to engage them on earth, in the form of possessions, stocks, bonds, business, pleasure, or evil works, that they have neither time nor dispusition to concern themselves about heaven or the eternal destiny of the soul.

Opportunities are very sensitive things; if you slight them on their first visit, you seldom see them again. -Uncle Ezek's Wisdom: Scribner for September:


#### Abstract

"THE SHINGAKU PREACHERS OF JAPAN."  UCH is the attractive title of the second lecture of our free course to be delivered next Tuesday evening in our parlor, by Rev. Geo. Cochrane. The lecturer's long residence in Japan, and the fact that he is a close observer of men and customs, leads us confidently to expect a most profitable and pleasing evenings entertainment. All are invited.


Mr. Spurgeon remarked, in a speech at the anniversary of the London Religious Tract Society, that he did not draw a line between the secular and the sacred. Would, he said, that every meal were a sacrament, every garment a vestment, every breath a prayer, and the whole of life a hallelujah!

WORK vs. TALK.


HE earth is now traversed by self-denying missionaries. who encounter every hardship to carry Christianity to remote regions. But where is the infidel who has exiled himself from his country to civilize savage tribes? Not one is to be found. They sit at home nursing their pride, and deriding the virtue they cannot equal.


