

kingdom of God." He went from one town to another and got nothing to do. He was very ambitious to get money. He went into a church one day, and the minister took this very text: "Seek first the kingdom of God." Then his mother's voice came back to him, and he thought she must have been there or written to that minister. That text went down into his heart. But he was after money—after position. Well, he got nothing to do in that town, and he went on to another and another, and it was not long before he heard another sermon, from another minister, from the same old text: "Seek first the kingdom of God." And it troubled him a good deal. He wanted to become a Christian, but thought he could first become rich. He would put off the question till he got settled in life, got his home, and his wife, and his property. "And now," he said, "God has given me property; I own the house I live in, and I go to church now, but no sermon has ever touched me since." I didn't know what to make of it; I wasn't a Christian then. Soon after I was converted, that man came into my mind. I went home and inquired of my mother where he was. And she said: "They have taken him to an insane asylum, and when one of his neighbours went to see him he said:

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Although his reason had tottered, that text was there. The next time I went home he was back at his house, and I remember going to see him one beautiful summer's day. He was in his rocking chair, and gave me that vacant look of insanity, and I spoke his name. He did not recognize me, but he reached out his finger, and said, "Young man, seek first the kingdom of God." His reason had gone, but the text was still there. He lays buried in my native town, within a few yards of where my brother lays sleeping, and last October, as I stood by the grave, I could hear, it seemed, as the autumn winds came howling over the graveyard, that text, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." O my friends, do not go out of this building without seeking the kingdom of God. To-night you may be summoned into the presence of God, and if you die without God, and without hope, whose fault is it? I set before you life and death. I come with a message from God in glory, and it is this: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." If I could shout to heaven and ask Him who sits at the right hand of the Father, what shall I say to the audience? I should hear a voice come rolling down from the throne, "Tell them to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." O! may God bless every soul here, and may you seek the kingdom of God. For five nights I have been