

embrace the Saviour, we shall soon be more the slaves of Satan than we were before, because he will take us through our pride and self-righteousness. For having turned from sin once, we shall indulge false and delusive hopes, since we have not laid hold on Him who is mighty to save. If we turn to Christ, and do not cut ourselves loose from the moorings of sin, then we do not act on Christ's own teaching, *Repent*. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." This act is insisted on for our sakes. It is the setting of our seal of hatred and abhorrence upon sin. It is the legitimate outcome of conviction. The prodigal's repentance is seen in his going out of the far country to his father. Ephraim's repentance is declared in these words, "What have I to do any more with idols?" Paul assures the Ephesians (Acts xix. 4) that John's baptism of repentance meant not only confessing and turning away from their sins, but also, "that they should believe on Him which should come after him, (*i. e.* John the Baptist), that is Jesus Christ." There is an old book which many have learned by heart, which answers the question, "*What is repentance unto life?*" in this clear, comprehensive and satisfactory way: "Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience." The sorrow and pain accompanying repentance are incidental,—the principal acts are turning away from sin and trusting in Christ. Whatever else there is, these must always be found in it. All the passages that deal with the nature of repentance, insist on this. See Isaiah lv. 7; Acts xix. 4; Acts ii. 38.

When we are about to build an enduring structure, we are careful that the foundation stones are well and truly laid, else the building may become a ruin after it has been erected. Repentance is a foundation stone in religious life and character. If it is misapprehended, untold evil and misery may result from it. Christ is the only foundation, but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. We must see that nothing comes between us and the foundation—that we clear away all rubbish, and surely reach that which will be a solid and satisfactory resting place for the soul, now and forever. Repentance not only comes clear away from sin, but cleaves to Christ as the only Saviour of sinful men.

AT the "Believers' meeting for Bible study," held each year, it is customary to receive voluntary offerings for undenominational missions. At the last meeting the hearts of all turned toward the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, and accordingly the sum of \$200 has been forwarded to Rev. J. M. Williams, and is duly acknowledged in "Service for the King," the official Mildmay magazine.

## The Round of Life.

BISHOP HORNE.

Some are serving—some commanding;  
 Some are sitting—some are standing;  
 Some rejoicing—some are grieving;  
 Some entreating—some relieving;  
 Some are weeping—some are laughing;  
 Some are thinking—some are quaffing;  
 Some accepting—some refusing;  
 Some are thrifty—some abusing;  
 Some compelling—some persuading;  
 Some are flattering—some degrading;  
 Some are patient—some are fuming;  
 Some are modest—some presuming;  
 Some are leasing—some are farming;  
 Some are helping—some are harming;  
 Some are running—some are riding;  
 Some departing—some abiding;  
 Some are sending—some are bringing;  
 Some are crying—some are singing;  
 Some are hearing—some are preaching;  
 Some are learning—some are teaching;  
 Some disdain—some offending;  
 Some assiduous—some neglecting;  
 Some are feasting—some are fasting;  
 Some are saving—some are wasting;  
 Some are losing—some are winning;  
 Some repenting—some are sinning;  
 Some professing—some adoring;  
 Some are silent—some are roaring;  
 Some are restive—some are willing;  
 Some preserving—some are killing;  
 Some are bounteous—some are grinding;  
 Some are seeking—some are finding;  
 Some are thieving—some receiving;  
 Some are hiding—some revealing;  
 Some commending—some are blaming;  
 Some dismembering—some new framing;  
 Some are quiet—some disputing;  
 Some confuted—some confuting;  
 Some are marching—some retiring;  
 Some are resting—some aspiring;  
 Some enduring—some directing;  
 Some are falling—some are rising;  
 These are sufficient to recite,  
 Since all men's deeds are infinite;  
 Some end their parts where some begin;  
 Some go out, and some come in.

THE Church of the Gospel Tabernacle at New York has just sent out, at its own cost, four missionaries to the Congo. They are to receive no settled salary.

UNDER the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board immense meetings have recently been held at Tremont Temple and three other places in Boston. The attendance was unprecedented.