

WHERE TO FIND HEAVEN.

There was a Methodist preacher who preached one day on heaven. The next morning he was going down town and he met one of his old wealthy members. This old fellow met the preacher, and he said: "Pastor, you preached a good sermon about heaven. You told me all about heaven, but you never told me where heaven is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am glad of the opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal, or a stick of wood, or flour, or sugar, or any bread. If you will go down town and buy fifty dollars worth of things, nice provisions, and send them up to her, and then go up there and say, 'My sister, I have brought you these nice provisions in the name of Our Lord and Saviour.' You ask for a Bible, and you read the 23rd Psalm, and you then get down on your knees and pray,—if you don't see heaven before you get all through, I'll pay the bill."

The next morning he said, "Pastor, I saw Heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in heaven as certainly as you are listening."

AVOID DISCUSSING SERMONS.

"Avoid discussing sermons—raising a wind to blow away the seed," These are golden words. Would, that all Christians would remember them! How often a harsh criticism has destroyed the effect of a sermon that otherwise would have blessed the hearer! "I thought it was a good sermon," said a young girl, "till I heard them talk about it at home." Who can tell the harm such talking does? How quickly will Satan take advantage of the effect it produces to snatch away the seed? "Avoid discussing sermons." Listen, pray over them, but never by a hasty expression of your opinion undo their work on the souls of others.

PREPARING FOR CHRIST.

"In every corner of the world," says Mr. Froude, "there are the example phenomena of the decay of established religions. Among Mohammedans, Jews,

Buddhists, Brahmins, traditional creeds are losing their hold. An intellectual revolution is sweeping over the world, breaking down established opinions, dissolving foundations on which heroic faiths have been built up." This condition constitutes the summons to the church of the Living God to bestir itself to the grandest opportunity which it has ever had to conquer the nations for Christ. No nation can long survive the decay of its religion, and the decadence which Mr. Froude points out is the indication that the world is preparing for Christ.—*Spirit of Mission.*

"There is no false estimate of men than their possessions. There is no worth about a bad man or woman. The glory of God is not in what he owns but in what he is. There are men to-day who rejoice in their wealth, but cannot bear to think themselves or have others think how it was obtained. 'Better is the little which a righteous man hath than the riches of many wicked.' No subsequent tithing of ill-gotten gain can secure condonation of crime, and it certainly will not bribe the Judge of all."

It was night in a hospital. Suddenly a poor sufferer cried out, "There never were such sufferings as mine." "Once," was faintly spoken from the next bed. "Nobody knows what I pass through," said the first voice. "One," was the whispered answer. "Do you mean yourself?" said the first speaker, angrily. "No, indeed," was the emphatic answer; "I mean the Lord Jesus." St. Peter writes: "Christ also suffered for us." And those intense, agonizing sufferings were borne "that He might bring us to God."

A TEST.—A native merchant in Foo Chow, who has in his employment one thousand Chinamen, was converted. A total cessation from Sunday trade being insisted upon by the missionaries as a test of Church fellowship, Mr. Ahok gladly complied. Although, his non-Christian partners in business naturally objected, he went so far as to offer on his own account full seven days' wages to all who would abstain from Sabbath toil, and who would give attention to the religion that he had learned to prize so much.