

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground—Isaiah xlv. 3.

ever manifested the most cordial spirit towards us in the work.

The meetings this year will be in charge of our faithful co-worker, Rev. John Salmon. Mr. Saunders, Assistant Secretary, will take charge of general details, and we have been favored in securing the musical services of Mrs. Cornell, who will preside at the organ and conduct the singing. The only regular meeting to be held will be daily at 12 noon, but occasional Gospel services will be conducted as Mr. Salmon may think best. We pray that these services may be owned of God, as in years gone by, and even more abundantly.

LECTURES.



REV. DR. SEXTON, of London, Eng., who is now on a visit to America, kindly agreed to deliver a course of lectures on "Various Phases of Modern Scepticism." Dr. Sexton, who is an eloquent speaker, is fully at home upon the subjects chosen by him, and the manner in which he handled the same, made several of the Freethinking and Sceptical persons who were in the audience feel anything but "at home." To note the manner in which they moved about after the lecture, reminded us of "stirring up a nest of hornets," and they kept looking out for opportunities to "sting," but we have no proof that they left much of their poison behind. Dr. Sexton delivered two lectures in our Hall, and (D.V.) will deliver a third on the evening of our date of issue. From this latter we anticipate much benefit to our Young Men, the subject being "Alleged Bible Contradictions." It has never been our privilege to hear a lecture equal to Dr. Sexton's, upon the subject which he discusses, and we could only wish that every Association in the land had the privilege of presenting him and his lectures to their Young Men.

HOW TO USE A SWORD.



A SWORD is put into a soldier's hand that he may use it in smiting the enemy. What would be thought of a warrior, who, at the enemy's suggestion, should, in the very midst of the fight, lay down his sword and enter into a lengthened discussion with him as to the maker's stamp, and the quality of the metal, etc.? The soldier may be most earnest and eloquent in his efforts to prove that his weapon bears upon it the royal stamp of his sovereign, and that its metal is superlative; yet it is not difficult to see that the enemy gains an immense advantage meantime. Into our hands, Christ, our sovereign, has put the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," not for protection and safe keeping, but that we may use it against His and our foes. Is it not time, therefore, to cease our disputation with the Devil, and to "gird on every man his sword?" Full well Satan knows the stamp it bears, and the keenness of its double edge. Our great Captain, with this weapon, dealt him a deadly blow. There is nothing the Devil fears so much as this "Sword of the Spirit." If he cannot persuade us to break it in pieces and throw it away, he will have us place it in the scabbard, and devote our attention to guarding it. I somehow imagine that in no way can we so well prove our sword, and honour our King, as by slaying His enemies. No wonder that the enemies of Christ triumph, when His soldiers are mainly employed defending their weapons. "The Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." Fellow Christian soldiers, let us see that no strategy of the Adversary shall turn us aside from the constant and valiant use of our sword.

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I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring.—Isaiah xlv. 4.