

ALL MAY VOTE.

Men who can only make the cross, and men who could write copperplate if required. Women, girls, children: any body, everybody to the poll at once. Poll early.

“ Oh, could I hear some sinner say,
Christ for me!
I'll start this moment! clear the way!
Christ for me!
My old companions, fare you well,
I will not go with you to hell:
I mean with Jesus Christ to dwell,
Christ for me;

TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO VOTE!

Is that it? Too lazy to feel interest in the greatest of all interests! Too much trouble to try and get others to vote! Oh that we had some of the enthusiasm of election committees!

DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO VOTE!

Is that the difficulty! Say in your heart, “Christ for me!” “My Lord and my God!” Voting is so simple! only making a cross against the name you select. Salvation is just as simple.

NO SECRET VOTE.

You need not let any one know who you voted for at the parliamentary or civic elections; but this is not God's way. If you vote for Jesus He expects you to say so right straight out; for “with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation.” Persecution! And do you think so little of the Great Candidate you cannot bear a hard word for Him?

CHRIST MUST GO IN.

Though men vote against Him, though His professed friends are indifferent, He will stand at the top at last. God “gave Him to be the Head over all things” (Eph. i. 22), and has sworn that though the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against His Anointed, yet He will set His King upon Zion (Psa. 2: 1, 6). He will do it, too (Rev. xiv. 1). He is God's Elect, and He shall have His seat in the government. If we elect Him,

HE WILL REPRESENT US.

in the High Parliament of Heaven. We cannot be there and here at the same moment, but He can, and He will, and thus see that all things work together for good.

HE WILL MEET THE KING FOR US.

We cannot enter into the presence of the Great Ruler, but as our Representative, Jesus will stand for us.

HE WILL MAKE OUR LAWS.

This many object to; they would not mind Jesus as a Saviour, but they do not want Him as Law-maker. Their language is, “We will not have this Man to reign over us” (Luke xix, 14).

Christians, you are canvassers for Christ. Praise Him! Be in earnest! Look out for victories! Cry everywhere—“Choose you a Man for you!

—W. LUFF, in “Words and Work.”

[For OUR MISSION.]

The Gospel Encouraging Faith.

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THE Gospel is “the good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people,” that a Saviour is born, who is Christ the Lord. As this is for all people, who are exceedingly diverse in their states of mind and conditions of heart, it is varied to meet their needs. As the colors and shapes in a kaleidoscope change with every turn, and yet are the same in the material out of which they are made, so the Gospel changes to adapt itself to the different feelings of the heart, and it is still the same essential truth. See 1 Cor. 15: 1-4. One class say, “We are conscious of our sin; it oppresses us; it crushes us into the dust.” The Gospel to them is, “Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11: 28. Another class say, “We are at variance with God; we need reconciliation. How may we come to God?” The Gospel to them is, “There is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.” 1 Tim. 2: 5, 6. “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.” 2 Cor. 5: 19. Another class say, “We are sinners, lost, undone, our lives have been full of rebellion.” The Gospel to him is, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” 1 Tim. 1: 15. Jesus Himself saith, “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Matt. 9: 13. Another class cry out after many vain endeavours, “We are helpless, utterly helpless; there is no hope for us.” To such the Gospel is, “When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” Rom. 5: 6. Another class say, “We have no love to God; we dislike the thought of Him; it is exceedingly distasteful to us, therefore God cannot love us.” To them the Gospel is, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3: 16. Another class have their eyes opened to the condemning power of sin, and through the terror it inspires are blind to all else. To them the Gospel is, “Now, once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Heb. 9: 26. “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.” Gal. 3: 13. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1: 29. Another class say, “We are far off, without God, having no thought of Him at all.” To them the Gospel is, “Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” Eph. 1: 13. To the deep hunger and strange longing of another class, the Gospel is, “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” Isaiah 55: 1.