
PERSONAL EFFORT.

It is a hopeful feature of the present religious movement in New York, that it has developed the activity of private Christians in personal effort for the conversion of souls. So far as mere human agency is concerned, the philosophy of this revival is apparent to any one who has been conversant with the general habits of Christians in this city. While professing themselves the servants of Christ, and therefore bound in all things to live and labor for him, a large proportion of our church members have been so absorbed in business, and so eager for the fictitious advantages of wealth for themselves and their families, that they have done little more for the cause of religion in the city, than to pay a good round pew-tax and a yearly subscription to the City Tract Society. . . . The effect of this general activity of individual Christians in their several spheres of influence, is precisely what the laws of God's spiritual kingdom would lead us to expect—a general awakening of the public mind to the subject of religion. There are enough professors of religion in the city of New York to give tone to the religious feeling of the whole community. But so long as the majority of those professors content themselves with building houses of worship, supporting the ministry, and maintaining some general form of organic Christianity in the community, it is not surprising that religion should be so little felt as a vital force.

—The preceding is copied from a Congregational paper published in the city of New York. It is worth pondering.

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DEATH.

Some kind friend lately sent us a paper containing an obituary notice respecting brother P. Burns, of Sarnia, C. W. The paper is out of our hands, and therefore it is not within our power to give date and particulars of our brother's departure. In his death was witnessed a gospel triumph. He departed in peace, and in this we do rejoice and will rejoice. If memory be not at fault from reading the notice, Mr. Burns was not far from 32—became a Baptist at a youthful age—united with the Disciples subsequently—studied at Bethany, but left because dissatisfied with his treatment—graduated at University in Indianapolis—was very desirous of laboring as a proclaimer—and did labor to the