

A—No. 1.

By the Editor.

[ORIGINAL.]



IN all our large cities we have organizations known as Mercantile Agencies. A stranger wishes to purchase goods upon credit; he calls upon a city merchant, and states his business and what he considers himself able to do. While he is speaking, the merchant takes from his desk a slip of paper and writes, "What is the standing of Mr. Blank, of Somewhere?" Excusing himself for a moment, the merchant slips into the warehouse, and despatches a messenger with the paper to the Mercantile Agency. In a short time the messenger returns with a form on which is written, "Mr. Blank, of Somewhere, A—No. 1." What does it mean? Simply this, that Mr. Blank is worthy of unlimited credit; whatever he promises he is able to perform. The merchant now most gladly opens the account, but why? He is no better acquainted with the man than he was before; he has not handled any of the stranger's money. Then why open the account? Simply because *he has confidence in the testimony given by the agency concerning the man.*

And now, dear unconverted friend, we ask you, does not common sense dictate to you that the *testimony which God has given concerning His Son* should be accepted by you? You have been asked to accept God's offer of salvation, but you say, "I am not sure that Jesus can do for me what he promises." We ask you how are you to know as to His ability? Is it not by going to God's great reference book, "THE BIBLE," and is it not a fact that consulting it you find there

WHAT JESUS IS ABLE TO DO FOR YOU.

- Able** to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiently in all things, may abound to every good work — 2 Cor. ix. 8.
- Able** to succour them that are tempted — Heb. ii. 18.
- Able** to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. — Jude 24.
- Able** also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him — Heb. vii. 25.
- Able** also to make you stand — Romans xiv. 4.
- Able** to keep that which I have committed unto Him. — 2 Tim. i. 12.
- Able** to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. — Acts xx. 32.
- Able** to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think — Ephesians iii. 10.
- Able** to subdue all things unto himself. — Philippians iii. 21.

In other words Jesus is worthy of your fullest confidence.

Believing the testimony, led the merchant to

trust the stranger. Paul writes to the Ephesians, "In whom (Jesus) ye also *trusted* after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation," Eph. i. 13. And still again, "Faith cometh by *hearing*, and hearing by the *Word of God*," Rom. x. 17; and still again, this is the word: "That if *thou* shalt confess with *thy* mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe* in *thine* heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, *thou* shalt be saved," Rom. x. 9. In other words you are **LOST**; you need **SALVATION**; **JESUS IS ABLE TO SAVE.** A—No. 1.—Worthy your fullest confidence. What He has promised, He is able also to perform.

EVANGELISTIC ECHOES.

MR. GEO. SOLTAU is labouring with Dr. Pentecost at Brooklyn, N. Y.

MR. H. F. WILLIAMS has been conducting Evangelistic meetings at St. Paul's, Min.

REV. E. P. HAMMOND still continues his labours in Liverpool, Eng., where the meetings in the Y. M. C. A. Hall have been largely attended and followed by many tokens of blessing.

MR. MOODY has, since leaving Toronto, held successful meetings at Toledo, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Richmond, Washington, Harrisburg, Scranton, and New Brunswick, N. J.

MR. G. H. MARSH of the "Canadian Evangelization Society," is now labouring in the vicinity of Warsaw, Ont., with goodly numbers attending and the power of God present to save. At two services held on Sunday 18th, 14 persons professed faith in Christ, and 8 rose for prayer.

MR. F. SCHIVEREA, whose work for the Master in connection with the Toronto Y. M. C. A. last November, was so fruitful, has since then laboured in Philadelphia, and he writes: "There were quite a number of precious souls saved. Twenty-five young men have formed a Bible Class." Bro. S. is now in Brooklyn preaching every night.

MR. A. GAY is labouring at Stratford. A very blessed work had been going on at that place during the last three months. It commenced in the Methodist Church, and after two weeks meetings a union service was organized and the largest buildings were found too small for the people attending. Between four and five hundred have testified to a change of heart. At the close of those union services, Mr. Gay was invited to commence a mission in the Congregational Church, and he has been owned of God in building up the converts and in leading others to decision for Christ.