

To the Lord our God belong mercies.
Dan. ix. 9.

WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS EVERY THURSDAY,

AT EIGHT P.M.

All young men who desire to be better fitted for Christian work are invited to attend this meeting.

ABOUT THE THEATRE.

“**ARE** there not many persons who find in the theatre precisely that kind of recreation and rest which is most useful for the discharge of their daily work?”

“It may be,” said C. H. Spurgeon, “but I don’t know any of them. You see, I live in a world apart from all those things, and so do my people. We argue in this way. Granting it perfectly safe and profitable for myself to go to the theatre, if I go, a great number of those will go to whom it will do positive harm. I will not be responsible for alluring any one by my example into a temptation, which but for my self-indulgence, they would entirely escape.

“I will give you an instance of how this works out. When I go to Monaco, the grounds of the gambling hell there are the most beautiful in the world. I never go near them, and why? Not because I think there is any danger of my passing through the gardens to the gambling tables. No! But a friend of mine once related the following incident to me:—One day M. Blanc met me and asked me how it was I never entered his ground. ‘Well, you see,’ I said, ‘I never play, and as I make no returns whatever to you, I hardly feel justified in availing myself of the advantages of your grounds.’ ‘You make a mistake,’ said M. Blanc. ‘If it was not for you and other respectable persons like your-

self who come to my grounds I should lose many of the customers who attend my gambling saloons. Do you imagine that because you do not play yourself that you do not by your presence in my grounds contribute very materially to my revenue. Numbers of persons who would not have thought of entering my establishment, feel themselves, quite safe in following you into my garden; and from thence to the gambling-table the transition is easy.’ “After I heard that,” said Mr. Spurgeon, “I never went near the gardens. So with the theatre. I will never by my presence at such a place run the risk of ruining others.” Perhaps most of us think too little of the influence of example.

EARNEST LIVING.

Daily living seemeth weary
To the one who never works;
Duty always seemeth dreary
To the one who duty shirks.

Only after hardest striving
Cometh sweet and perfect rest;
Life is found to be worth living
To the one who does his best.

—C. M. Sheldon.

“No man rises so high as he who knows not whither he is going.”—*Carlyle.*

As the pendulum has only to make one tick at a time, so the Christian has but to take one step at a time.—*D L. Moody.*

BIBLE CLASS FOR S. S. TEACHERS, EVERY SATURDAY,

AT 4.30 P.M.

Subject—INTERNATIONAL LESSON.*

A God ready to pardon.
Neh. ix. 17.