

out of gratitude. Neither should any think to satisfy all claims in this way only. In like manner our farmers could set apart the best piece for God—sow it with the best seed, and when ripe hand it over to the proper object.

2. The Lord's eye is upon us, as in the above instance. How many might find Haggai i. 6 applicable: "Ye have sown much and bring in little, ye eat and have not enough. . . . And he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it in a bag with holes."

It is written "Honour the Lord with thy substance, with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine" And we believe that all who will, put the Lord to the proof will find that his promises are true.

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### THE MISSING STEAMER.

While we write these lines the Inman Steamer "City of Boston," with about two hundred souls on board, has been due at Queenstown for three weeks, and no intelligence respecting her has yet been received. It is known that very heavy weather has prevailed, and great fears for her safety are now entertained. These will probably be *confirmed* or *dispelled* by the time these lines are read. Now all is suspense. Many are anxious by day and sleepless by night. In churches and in prayer meetings, and in families, in cities and country, special petitions have been offered for good tidings of the missing ones. An unusually large number of these are from Halifax, several from St. John, N.B., and other places, so that the Halifax congregations and our people through all the Lower Provinces are deeply interested, and all should be instructed.

*First*, We should be *humbled* that our recognition of Divine goodness in times past has not been more vivid and permanent. How often have ourselves and friends been brought home from travel and from sea, and how short-lived and feeble our gratitude!

*Secondly*, How precious is religion in

his hour of trial. Of the members of Christ's Church on board of that steamer, there were a good number of earnest working Christians. How precious to them their connection with Christ during their time of trial at sea whether long or short! How precious to their friends is the thought that their Saviour was with them in their peril, and if they are to return no more, that they are now with him in His Father's house.

*Thirdly*, We should hear a *new summons* to work for Christ and for souls.

We have no evidence that all were so prepared, but our prayer and heart's desire for all is, that they may be saved from the perils of the ocean, from present death, and especially from the second death.—They are now, however, beyond our reach. But friends, and neighbours, and children are moving onward to the eternal world.—They are within call and within reach. Have we done what we could for *their* salvation? Are we going through this world with closed lips, or earnestly asking others to travel with us to the promised land?

*Fourthly*, Deep sympathy with, and earnest prayer for, anxious friends in suspense, as well as for those, who have in some form experienced the perils of the great deep. Peter was delivered from imminent peril by the prayers of the church.

These are a few of the thoughts which present themselves on this painful subject. What the issue may be we cannot tell, but we know that as God has brought us into this state of anxious suspense, that his Providences should be marked and improved

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### LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF GEORGE PEABODY.

The name which we have just written has lately appeared on the page of nearly every periodical, secular and religious. They have recorded his benefactions, chronicled his death, described his funeral at Westminster, the removal of the body, and its transference from one great nation to another for interment in his native place. We wish to devote a column or two, not to the repetition of these interesting evidences