

even in our politics we can serve God as really as the kings and prophets of the old Testament! If we realize the nearness of God, so that we are never alone, but He is always with us, looking at us with infinite sorrow when we oppose His will and disregard the duties which He gives us to do, what a great thought is that for the cleansing of our heart and the salvation of our soul! We never realize enough that God is a living God and not a dead one, and that He is our living Father who cares for us, and who has given each of us charge over so many of His children, and that He will require that charge at our hands. Whether it is your own children or some one else's children, you are responsible for them, and their souls will be required at your hands."

When this conception is strongly realized and fully acted upon, then our Temperance enactments will be very different from what they have been in the past; and all our legislation and administration shall be on a higher plane and embodying nobler principles.

MODERN SUPERSTITION.

It seems almost like a page from the chronicles of the Middle Ages to read in the daily papers the cable despatches about the thousands of pilgrims thronging to see the Holy Coat of Treves. This coat is proclaimed to be the identical seamless robe of our Lord for which the soldiers cast lots. It is rather against this theory that there are no less than thirteen other rival claimants to this strange distinction, some of which have a striking record for their miracle-working power. Even if it were established beyond the shadow of a doubt, if this was the very garment of our Lord, surely there is something very revolting in the thought of turning the whole town in whose cathedral it is preserved into a

"vanity fair," with its junketings, its merry-go-rounds and frivolities of every sort, its booths and stalls for eating, drinking, carousing and serving the devil rather than worshipping God. It is a strange illustration of the surviving superstitions of the Middle Ages lingering like a belated ghost at midnight in the dawn of day.

MAGAZINE PREMIUM.

We beg to call attention to the liberal announcement made by the Book Steward in our advertising columns, of the premium picture of John Wesley free to every one obtaining a new subscription to this MAGAZINE. This picture is an accurate reproduction in oil colours of the famous portrait of John Wesley by Romilly—the finest portrait of John Wesley in existence. The picture is a large size, 15½ by 21 inches, and will be a most appropriate souvenir of the Centennial of the death of that great man. Arrangements are in progress for making the forthcoming volumes of the MAGAZINE for 1892 far ahead of anything yet attempted in illustration and in interest of contents. Full announcements of our programme for 1892 will be made in our next number.

EXCURSION TO PALESTINE.

Dr. Withrow's programme of his projected trip to Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, Greece, Southern and Central Europe is now ready. Persons interested in the subject may obtain copies by writing to Dr. Withrow, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

A CORRECTION.

In the excellent article on Rev. Thos. Hurlburt in the July number of the MAGAZINE we regret the following typographical error occurred on page 52, last line, "two tanners" instead of "two farmers."

For the sweetest parables of truth
In our daily pathway lie,
And we read, without interpreter,
The writing on the sky.