

Be Wise.

“**Y**OU may have heard the story of that wise man who was once on the roof of a house, when suddenly, behind him, came a strong man, with a huge whip, and told him to jump down. The man was a lunatic. The gentleman knew that in a moment, and so he very wisely said, ‘Well, you see any fool can jump down, the strange thing would be to jump up. Let us go down and jump up.’ They went down, but they never jumped up. Are there not some here that are jumping down, some who are taking a desperate

leap into one sin or another? Oh, any fool can jump down, but if any of you have taken that leap, and you are down I will defy you to jump up. Now you want a longer, stronger arm than your own; a power Divine alone

can save you. If you have tried to jump up, I know, young man, you have fallen back in despair of ever succeeding. To sin is easy; to turn the downward path is easy enough, the gravitation of our nature tends that way, but to retrace our steps—this is the difficulty, and only God can help us do that. Turn that over in your mind and say, ‘If there be salvation to be had, since I cannot work out my own, I will go and get it.’ And oh that you would go now and get it. I try to preach to you the gospel just now. The negro put it thus, ‘Christ die, me not die.’ and that is just the gospel; Christ dies that you may not die. Only come and believe Him; and when you are about it, dear young friend, I beseech you to trust Christ out and out. Just give yourself entirely up to Him, and He will keep you to the end.”—*Spurgeon.*

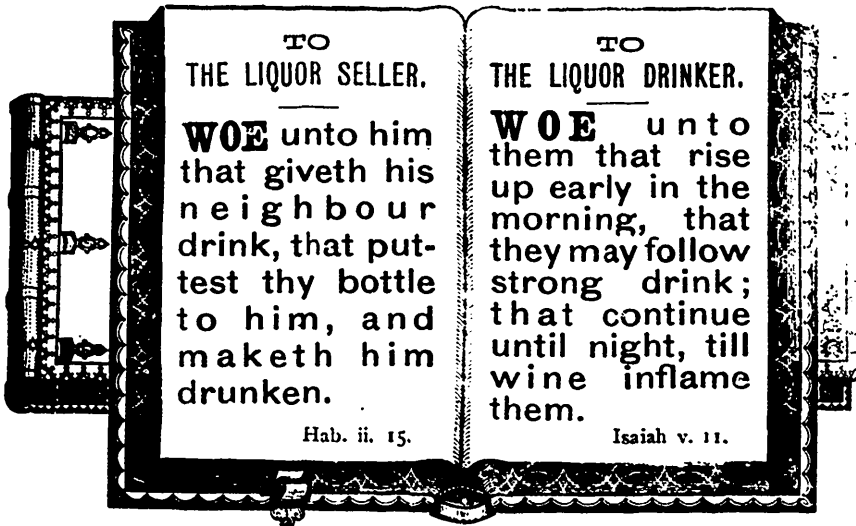
Are You Acquainted with the Author?

IGNORANCE of God has come to be the boast of the sceptics of the day. They call themselves *agnostics*; that is, persons who *do not know*, who have no knowledge of God. Priding themselves upon their ignorance of God, they fall into the mistake of thinking that no one else knows more than they do; and that, in fact, what they do not know is not knowable, even if it is worth knowing. The fact that they do not know the truth is no evidence that others do not know it. Their ignorance may be vast

and varied; but our knowledge, though much less extensive, may be far more certain.

An agnostic, who was present in a certain refined circle, was surprised to learn that a much esteemed lady present, believed in the

WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS.



THY WORD IS TRUTH.

sacred Scriptures. He ventured to ask her, “Madam, do you believe the Bible?” “Most certainly I do,” was her reply. “Why, do you believe it?” he asked. “Because *I am acquainted with the Author.*” This was her testimony; and all his talk about the unknown and the unknowable went for nothing, in view of the calm confidence born of her personal acquaintance with God. This knowledge is most effectual in dispelling the doubts which linger in the human mind. It is good to know the Bible; it is better still to know the Lord. Blessed are they that *know the Lord*; for to know Him is life eternal.—*The Christian (American).*

A CALM hour with God is worth a whole lifetime with man.