

## KIND WORDS.

Most men are won by kind words. There may be the brute in the outward appearance, and everything external give evidence of manhood and virtue gone. But often it has been found that beneath all this rough and brutal exterior linger some remnants of what was naturally a noble soul. A kind look, a sympathetic word, a generous act, have often been received with an appreciation which has given evidence that the sensibilities, though blunted, are not dead.

Kind words cost little, but are often like "apples of gold in pictures of silver." How many noble natures are in ruins—natures which if restored would shine as stars of the first magnitude. A kind word, a friendly act, a helping hand, would rescue them. Mrs. Willing, in her beautiful volume, "From fifteen to Twenty-five," gives the following incident, which illustrates our thought: "Humanity knows itself to be a king, though dethroned and crownless, and it will be treated with respect. A lady who understood this accidentally pushed a little street Arab off the sidewalk. She stopped and apologized, saying she hoped she had not hurt him. He stepped back, and gave his rimless hat a jerk. 'My eyes, Jim!' he exclaimed, turning to a boy who had heard the whole, 'If she don't speak to me jest like I wore standin' collars! A feller could 'ford to git pushed off forty times a day to git spoke to like that.'

Many a boy, apparently as rough and hopeless, could be won to virtue and to a life of holy living by kind words and kind acts. The slums of all our cities are full of them, and they will soon be beyond hope. Let them be gathered as jewels for the Saviour's crown, and as stars for the crown of him who rescues them.—N. Y. Witness.

If Prince Bismark has not gone to Canossa he is well on the path which leads in that direction. He has made overtures of peace to the Pope, which the Holy Father graciously accepts, not "as a definite peace, but as a long step toward the solution of the difficulty." But the Roman Catholic Bishops in Germany are preparing new claims, as fast as Bismark concedes those already made. The religious orders they now say, must come back and the Catholic schools be restored.

## REVIVAL WORK.

Aim for conversion. A definite and steadfast purpose in revival services is one important condition of success. An impulse like this is generally contagious. The lukewarm and the ungodly will not be able to resist it. "This one thing I do," is an excellent rule in seeking the salvation of others.

Whenever the thought of obstacles to be overcome is suggested, always remember that difficulties even greater than these have been many a time conquered. Instances almost without number might be given, showing the power of God in removing whatever stands in the way.

Present all the Scriptural motives to repentance and a new life. Never mind if some one says that an appeal on grounds of final doom is selfish and unworthy of the gospel. The teachings of our Lord are not to be set aside in any respect.

Let everything be said and done under the conviction that God loves sinners, even while His nature and holy law will not allow the finally impenitent to escape. Such a conviction will preserve us from dogmatizing tendencies. There is nothing so powerful in winning souls as a sense of infinite love.

Seek personal preparation for revival work. The prayer of the Psalmist should be our own: "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."—*Ex.*

The *Presbyterian Banner* foots up the Presbyterian accounts of the American Presbyterian Church for the past year as follows:—The entire receipts of all the Boards for 1884-85 were \$1,729,638 01. The entire receipts for the year just closed have been \$1,931,811 07—an increase of \$202,173 06 over last year. At the close of 1884-85 the debts of all the Boards amounted to \$213,152 41; now they are \$134,074 53. The balances on hand then were \$17,338 71; now they are \$59,513 52, of which, however, the Board of Church Erection has \$45,046 73. The debts of all the Boards this year are less by \$79,077 88 than they were last year.