

### CHRIST A TRUSTEE.\*

For I know whom I have believed (trusted in the margin), and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against (or till) that day.—2 Timothy, i, 12.

We are every now and then painfully startled by hearing that some institution or individual, hitherto implicitly trusted, has proved unworthy, and that what was committed to them has not been kept safely. Every one who is trusted is a trustee, but there is no absolute certainty in any case. Yet we must continue to trust. This is the time of the year when people usually make their investments, and they have to exercise their best judgment as to what government, corporation or company they will trust with their means. In the great majority of cases the persons trusted are faithful; the business of the country could not get on otherwise; but there are many instances of incapacity or dishonesty. There is one Trustee, however, who never fails, and whose ability to keep safely what is committed to Him is certain. Let all commit themselves and all they have to this Trustee till that day—the great day of account. A savings bank is a trustee for every penny that goes over its counter, and if prudently and honestly managed will keep all that is committed to it safely and return it with interest. But it is responsible only for what is committed to it. It will not pay one penny that is invested or lost anywhere else; and in like manner Christ is a trustee only for what is committed to Him. That He keeps safely, but He does not keep what is withheld; and among all the lost at the last day there will not be one that trusted Jesus. Not only can we commit ourselves to Jesus, but our children and all that we have. Sometimes, indeed, a man commits his dying

child to Jesus, and rejoices that the little one is safe, though he has no thoughts of committing himself to Christ. He is willing that the great gulf shall be fixed between his beloved child and himself. What a strange infatuation!

This is also the season of forming partnerships, and he who does so has to trust his fortune, and, to a great extent his honor, to his partners. The most important and irrevocable of partnerships is wedlock, in which each has to trust the other with his or her life's happiness. These partnerships should be formed with prayer and care; but this new year, let all who have not already done so, form a partnership with Jesus. He is the best of all partners, and the only one who is perfectly reliable and in whom no one will ever meet with disappointment. In whatever business or recreation you engage, let it be Christ and you in company.

This is the time, also, for looking over our policies of insurance and renewing them for the year in the safest companies. Business men are very careful about this; but insurance for the soul is the most important of all, and should be first and most carefully attended to. This Christ only can give. Insurance companies often fail when they are most needed—namely, after a great conflagration, but Christ's insurance never fails. Effect an insurance with Him now by trusting Him.

### GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

Joseph Hart Esq., Baddeck, who has never made excuse of commercial depression or any other adverse circumstances, for not giving liberally to the Schemes of the church, has forwarded Twelve dollars with an order for six copies of the RECORD, the ballance to be divided among the schemes of the Church. We want some more live, liberal men like Mr. Hart. God bless and prosper him