

"Spent, But Charged."



SPON a sun-dial, two hundred years old, in All Soul's College, Oxford, is the Latin motto, *Parent et Imputantur*. The English equivalent heads this article. The shadow glides over the face of the dial silently; there is no pendulum beat or whirl of wheels; the hours have been spent, but they are recorded, charged, in the books of everlasting remembrance. That record which God keeps must one day be faced.

Young man, you spend your hours carelessly, as the spendthrift throws away his money. You make no account of them. But God does. He charges every one of them, down to their last golden moment. What will you have to say when you face that record at the last day?

Young woman, life to you seems a time of gaiety, of wild enjoyment.

The hours go by on winged feet. Day follows day, and your thought is of nothing but the pleasure that can be got from the passing hour. Ah, these hours are all charged to your account, and you will meet them one day.

Little child, even the hours you spend in the innocent enjoyment and pursuits of your youth are all charged. Not one of them slips away without leaving its record.

Man, woman, child, whoever you are, take to heart the motto on the old sun-dial. We must not forget the reckoning day. These hours that pass so silently and so quickly are making up our lives. For all our deeds we are to render an account. But how unmindful of all this we are! How we suffer the priceless moments to go by, and forget that they are priceless!

"Spent"—the hours that might have been filled with usefulness; the hours that ought to have been employed in accepting peace from God, and in activity in his service—spent, gone, thrown away, perhaps! but "charged;" and every new hour that comes to you is but hurrying you on to the bar of judgment, where you will have to look into the account and see how it stands.

How much better for all of us if we would realize the value of our time; if we would not

squander it; if we would use it, every shining minute of it, for the glory of God and the good of men! Time thus spent is "charged," certainly, but is charged to our credit.

Oh these silent, fleeting hours! Day follows day, and we grow older moment by moment but, by God's grace, we can make each day help us on to a measure of perfection in Christ. Our time will be "spent," and it will be "charged," but we shall meet the record with joy and not with grief.

But alas for him whose hours have been spent recklessly, defiantly of Divine authority! Alas for him when he shall meet the account "charged" against him, and must be dumb!

EVANGELISTIC ECHOES.

MR. GEO. SOLTAU is still meeting with success in Brooklyn and New York.

The ministers are giving him their hearty support and encouragement. Mr. Soltau's work for the Master has ever been solid, and we frequently meet with persons who were blessed through his instrumentality while in Canada.

MR. GAY and MR. BARTON have been preaching and singing the Gospel at Warwick, Ont. The

Christians there are alive to the importance of the work, and as a result, many precious souls are rejoicing in a new found Saviour.

DURING the past few weeks, at the Pickering (Ont.) College, seven have professed conversion, five boys and two girls.

REV. R. G. PEARSON, who has been labouring with good success at Waco, Texas, is now engaged in Waxahachie, Texas.

MR. G. H. MARSH, of the Canadian Evangelization Society, has been holding services at Warsaw. Rev. Mr. Lloyd, with whom he was labouring, writes:—"We have had most glorious meetings. . . Men who have not been at church for years, come out to hear him. Church packed, and the altar crowded with seekers. The most successful revival I have ever enjoyed."

DAILY ENQUIRIES.

AM I RELYING FOR SALVATION ON THE DEATH OF CHRIST?
 AM I GLORIFYING IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST?
 AM I GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT AND WORD OF CHRIST?
 AM I SEEKING TO BE MORE AND MORE LIKE CHRIST?
 AM I LIVING TO THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF CHRIST?
 AM I LOVING ALL WHO BEAR THE IMAGE OF CHRIST?
 AM I FORGIVING OTHERS, AS I AM FORGIVEN BY CHRIST?
 AM I USING MY MEANS AS A GOOD STEWARD OF CHRIST?
 AM I PATIENTLY SUFFERING FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST?
 AM I ADORNING IN ALL THINGS THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST?
 AM I PRAYERFULLY LOOKING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST?
 AM I REJOICING IN HOPE OF BEING EVER WITH CHRIST?