

"HE is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—1 John ii. 2.

THE INSPIRED WORD.

THE following extract is from a published address on "Inspiration of the Bible" (by H. L. Hastings), delivered at the Convention of Y. M. C. A.'s of Massachusetts in October last:—

"Again, I conclude that this Book has in it the very breath of God, from the effect that it produces upon men. There are men who study philosophy, astronomy, geology, geography, and mathematics, but did you ever hear a man say, "I was an outcast, a wretched inebriate, a disgrace to my race, and a nuisance in the world, until I began to study mathematics, and learned the multiplication table, and then turned my attention to geology, got me a little hammer, and knocked off the corners of the rocks and studied the formation of the earth; but since that time I have been happy as the day is long; I feel like singing all the time, my soul is full of triumph and peace; and health and blessing have come to my desolate home once more." Did you ever hear a man ascribe his redemption and salvation from intemperance and sin and vice to the multiplication table, or the science of mathematics or geology? But I can bring you, not one man, or two, or ten, but men by the thousand who will tell you, "I was wretched; I was lost; I broke my poor old mother's heart; I beggared my family; my wife was broken-hearted and dejected; my children fled from the sound of their father's footsteps; I was ruined, reckless, helpless, homeless, hopeless, until I heard the words of that Book!" And he will tell you the very word which fastened on his soul. It may be it was, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest;" perhaps it was, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world;" it may have been, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but

have everlasting life." He can tell you what the very word was which saved his soul. And since that word entered his heart, he will tell you that hope has dawned upon his vision; that joy has inspired his heart; and that his mouth is filled with grateful song. He will tell you that the blush of health has come back to his poor wife's faded cheek; that the old hats have vanished from the windows of his desolate home; that his rags have been exchanged for good clothes; that his children run to meet him when he comes; that there is bread on his table, fire on his hearth, and comfort in his dwelling. He will tell you all that, and he will tell you that this Book has done the work. Now, this Book is working just such miracles, and is doing it every day. If you have any other book that will do such work as this, bring it along. The work needs to be done; if you have the book that will do it, for Heaven's sake bring it out. But for the present, while we are waiting for you, as we know this book *will* do the work, we propose to use it until we can get something better.

TAKE CARE!

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

TAKE CARE!" said the commanding officer to a soldier as he was going to a post from which several sentinels, one after another, had mysteriously disappeared; "take care; be watchful and on your guard every moment, for thus only will you be safe." And, as they were at warfare with the Indians and in the Indian country, the caution was of deep significance and importance.

The soldier went to his post, and was watchful against the first possible intimation of danger, feeling that his life depended on it. For a time all was still and quiet. Not a sound was heard, not

"he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Mark xvi. 16.