

the work is the master's business, not ours." "I am not going to do such fool's work," replied the other; and throwing down his bucket, he went away.

The other man continued his work till about sunset, he exhausted the well. Looking down into it, he saw something shining at the bottom. He let his bucket down once more, and drew up a precious diamond ring.

"Now I see the use of pouring the water into the basket," he exclaimed to himself.

"If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been found in the basket. The labor was not useless, after all."

But he had yet to learn why the king had ordered this apparently useless task: It was to test their capacity for perfect obedience, without which no servant is reliable.—*Sunday Hour*.

THE BIBLE OUR STANDARD.

It is found necessary that Christians should combine their efforts along many lines of work in order to save the world. Their work should be practical. The gospel is a power which grasps the whole man, and is the most practical thing in the world. Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

In order to produce faith we must study the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Who can doubt when at his baptism a voice said, *This is my beloved Son*; and in view of his temptation, sermon on the mount, transfiguration, miracles and parables. The fulfillment of all prophecy is in his birth, death, burial, and resurrection, in which he brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Philip preached Jesus to the eunuch and as they went on their way the eunuch said, See, here is water what doth hinder me to be baptized? Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. He said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, for whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God. Peter told them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. Then we have faith, repentance, confession, baptism for remissions of sins or salvation. For the desired information read Acts of Apostles for conversions, for there you will find words whereby thou shalt be saved. There we learn what thousands did in obedience to his commands. God planneth, and he that runneth may read what is so plain that the wayfaring man need not err therein.

Then, after coming into fellowship with the saints, he leads us gently on in order that we may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, that we may be perfect in Him who is the Head of the church, by giving us the epistles written to the churches of God or Christ as our ensamples, or that we may know how to set his house in order and properly conduct ourselves, that our bodies may be fit temples for the abiding Comforter. The

church should be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, that their seeing our good works may glorify our Father in heaven. He not only, died, shed his blood on the cross, but has left us the plan of redemption free and full in the blessed volume of inspiration. So thou art inexcusable, O man, for your negligence of duty. What a glorious privilege to have this blessed Book to guide us all along life's tempestuous billows, a lamp to our feet, that we may walk in the light as he is in the light.—*H. A. Banks in Standard*.

"IS THIS WRONG?"

There is food for thought in the following paragraph from a sermon by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks: "Every now and then a conscience among the men and women who live easy, thoughtless lives is stirred, and some one looks up anxiously, holding up some of the pretty idleness in which such people spend their days and nights, and says: 'Is this wrong? Is it wicked to do this?' And when they get this answer, 'No, certainly not wicked,' then they go back and give their lives up to doing their innocent little piece of uselessness again. Ah! the question is not whether that is wicked, or whether God will punish you for doing that. The question is, whether that thing is keeping other better things from you; whether behind its little bulk the vast privilege and dignity of duty is hid from you; whether it stands between God and your soul. If it does, then it is an offence to you, and, though it be your right hand or right eye, cut it off, pluck it out, and cast it from you."—*Selected*.

YOUR BROTHER DOWN THERE.

Do we always remember that all men are brethren and have a claim upon our effort to assist them in trouble?

A little while back, in the east of London, they were digging a deep drain in the neighborhood of Victoria Park. Some of the shoring gave way, and tons of earth fell down upon several men who were there at work. Of course there was a great deal of excitement, and standing by the brink was a man looking—I grant you with great earnestness—on those who were attempting to dig out the earth. But a woman came up to him, put her hand on his shoulder, and said, "Bill, your brother is down there!"

Oh, you should have seen the sudden change! Off went his coat, and he sprang into the trench, and worked as if he had the strength of ten men. O sirs, amidst the masses of the poor, and the degraded, and the lost, your brother is down there! All men are our brothers! All women are our sisters! Christ died to save all. Let these great truths never escape your memory. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help them, and to lift them up. Every day brings its own opportunity for doing good. Let us be alert!

Married.

TEWKSBURY-CLINE.—At Leonardville, January 31st, 1899, Lynden Tewksbury and Mary Cline. W. H. Harding officiating.

LORD-LAMBERT.—At Lord's Cove, February 8, 1899, Sargent M. Lord and Imogene Lambert. W. H. Harding officiating.

OUTHOUSE-GREENLAW.—At Tiverton, N. S., Feb. 23rd, 1899, Nehemiah Outhouse and Nettie M. Greenlaw were married at the bride's home, by the writer.

J. W. BOLTON.

Died.

PARKER.—Winnie Parker, died in Tiverton, February 15th, aged 9 years, 10 months and 3 days. She died with consumption, at the home of her kind friends, Bro. and Sister Allen Outhouse. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. J. W. BOLTON.

OUTHOUSE.—Allen Outhouse, died February 20th, in Tiverton, aged 51 years, 5 months and 18 days. The brother suffered and died from a complication of diseases. He was a member of the Christian Church in Tiverton for about 23 years, being baptized by Eld. Joseph Gates. He held the office of Trustee in the church. He was also a Justice of the Peace in the community. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, which order assisted in the burial services, marching to the grave in a body. Rev. Mr. Howe assisted in the services at the house. Bro. Outhouse leaves his wife, four children, five brothers, one sister, and father, to mourn their loss. He will be missed very much in the community. We hope to meet again in that House of Mansions that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. J. W. BOLTON.

MINARD.—Death has again entered the sacred precincts of Bro. and Sister Parker Minard's home at Milton. Sister Maria Minard, relict of Bro. Frederick Minard, and the mother of Sister Parker Minard, was called to her reward February 13th, after a short illness, aged 84 years. She was a faithful member of the Christian Church of Milton. She loved the Lord, and was a constant attendant to the worship of the Lord's house when it was possible. Many times we have seen her in her place at church when it would seem impossible for her to get there. Often we have seen her slowly and feebly wending her way to the sewing circle to do her part in the support of the cause she loved. She was loved and respected by all. Her family that remains, two sons and two daughters, especially the ones at home, with whom she resided, will feel her loss deeply. But her life and the promises of God are the blessed assurance that she has gone to her heavenly home. Now that her hands have ceased from toil, her voice hushed, her work done, and well done, she rests, never again to be weary, sick or sad. She has reached the land of rest and now is satisfied. Her soul is blessed, and free from earth with all its care, and now she finds sweet rest. H. M.

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