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## Religious Miscellany.

### Balm in Gilead.

"Is there no balm in Gilead: is there no physician there?"

Strange a question, 's'en for doubt to start!

Go I ask the Lord, whose strong arm

Of long reproach, ago, O'er

O'er smote the great physician's heart,

And bled beneath his healing palm;

Then ask, "in Gilead is there balm?"

See mourning Magdalen's long hair

Sweep o'er the Biaz and Holy feet,

She bathes with tears and perfumes sweet,

Mute tokens of a loveless prayer,

Pure incense of the lover's trembling soul,

And question then of Gilead's balm.

Behold your father's only son,

As now by evil spirit rove,

And low in dust, dejected bent,

'Till pitying Heaven the Grecian One,

Knocking Head with words of woe—

Then doubt: 'tis in Gilead balm.

Lo! wails Naib's widow by the mill,

Where lies her last hope, child in death

With heavy head and sobbing breath,

She moans with many a blinding tear;

She moans with many a blinding tear;

Of grief, she, too, doubts Gilead's balm.

A soothing Presence by the bier!

Sorrow conscious thro' her anguish deep,

She seems to feel its aid in sleep,

As she lies in death and calm rest,

"Weep not!"—Oh, potent, lifted palm!

He lives! there is in Gilead balm.

No more Carib wails on earth, to cheer

The humble, contrite one that prays,

The stern to heal,—the dead to raise,—

The storm to drive to rest of fear,

To surging waves bid "be calm,"

Yea, still in Gilead there is balm.

For lies, to shield from sin's alarms,

His pure-winged Dove from high above,

Then upward soaring, take the road,

Whose end is in His sheltering arms,

Where flows the living waters calm,

And springs forever, Gilead's balm!

### The Young Converts.

Thank God, these are not few about this time.

From many quarters tidings reach us of refresh-

ing in the churches resulting in numerous con-

versions. What shall be done with these con-

verts? "Dose?" is the question which arises.

Why remove them to the church and

then let them jog along with the other mem-

bers? That is precisely what we fear will

be done in too many churches, and so we take

the early occasion to enter our decided protest.

We again put the question: *What shall be*

*done with the converts?*

Welcome them, first of all. That was the

first thing the father did to the prodigal, on the

latter's return from the far country. "He ran

to meet his poor, filthy, emaciated, ragged

and faint son. He put a ring on his finger,

and on his feet, the best robe on his back.

Then he told the family to welcome him, by

killing the fatted calf and making merry in a

great feast. That is an example to be imitated

now, when prodigals return home, and the lost

ones are found. You are rejoiced, Brother A.

to see these converts? Then tell them so; say

in meeting, say it personally. Don't forget

that, as you enter the vestibule of the church,

and see some of them standing there, and looking

somewhat shy and lonely. Don't walk straight

past him with a cast-iron face, the Master

will not do so, were he there. Walk up

to him with outstretched hands and smiling

face, and, as you look him lovingly in the

face, say, "It makes me very happy to hear

that you have chosen the good part. I want

to welcome you into the brotherhood." It will

be a brief speech, but it will do you both good

and will be the stronger for it, and will be

lovely drawn towards you, and you will find your

heart warming up pleasantly whenever he comes

within the range of vision. Young converts

need a welcome, that they may feel that they

have truly reached home. Some of their com-

rades may drop away, as it is best they should,

if unwilling to keep their company on the new

road. But that they are not left in the

penetrating Christian's eye, it is pleasant

to come from the dark and cold into a lighted

and well-warmed house; make the church such

a home in its social and spiritual atmosphere.

There ought to be love-festivals on such occasions

—not of the technical, stereotyped kind, but

such as shall be spontaneous; fit expressions of

mutual love and joy.

Instruct them. They do not know much as

yet. Babels begin to rise with new intuitive ideas,

and with no experience. Converts may be in-

tellectual in the general sense, and even well

acquainted in religious doctrine, and yet be quite

ignorant of practical spiritual truth. Our im-

portant meetings have ceased, when excitement is

past, when the rush of worldly temptation

comes, the peril begins. The convert feels a

little dull, or gets a little careless, and begins

to suspect the genuineness of his piety. His

hope is shaken, his soul is in the dark, and the

devil suggests that he go back. How much a

kind inquiring word is worth then from pastor

or friend. See that the converts are a steadily

looked after.

These converts are to be the future members;

and to neglect them now, is to cripple the church

hereafter. Therefore welcome them, instruct

them, use them, and watch over them.—*Advance.*

### "To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

But where is this Paradise; what this Par-

adise? We can say, in answer to these ques-

tions, that with this heavenly Paradise into

which the redeemed at death do enter, the an-

cient, the early Paradise is not fit to be com-

pared. In the one, the direct intercourse with

God was but occasional; in the other it shall be

constant. In the one, the Deity was known

only as revealed himself in the works of

creation and in the ways of his providence; in

the other, it will be as the God of our redemp-

tion, the God and Father of our Lord and

Saviour Jesus-Christ, that he will be recognized,

adored, and loved in his true and personal

and intimate shining forth in harmonious and

illustrative display. Into the earthly Paradi-

se the Tempter entered; from the heavenly he

will be shut out. From the earthly Paradi-

se, evil ones were driven; from the heavenly we

shall go no more out for ever. Still, however,

after all such imperfect and unsatisfactory com-

parisons, the questions return upon us, Where

and what is this Paradise of the redeemed?

Our simplest and our best answers to these ques-

tions perhaps are these—Wherever Jesus is.

Where is Paradise? Wherever Jesus is.

What is Paradise? To be forever with and to

fully like our Lord.

We know—for God hath told us so, of that

Paradise of the redeemed—that it is a land of

perfect light; the day has dawned there; the

shadows have forever fled away. It is a land

of perfect blessedness; no tears fall there; no

sighs rise there; up to the measure of its cap-

acity, each spirit filled with a pure never-ending

joy. It is a land of perfect holiness; nothing

defileth all that enter there, neither whatso-

ever evil or unclean. But what gives to that

land its light; its joy, its holiness in the

sight of the redeemed? It is the presence of

Jesus.

If there be no light there, it is because the

Lamb is the light of that place; if there be no

holiness there, it is because from every eye

his hand has wiped off every tear. The holiness

that reigns there, is a holiness caught from

him as He is, and traces the life of joy that

circulates through the veins of the blessed

to its fountain-head, you will find it within

that throne on which the Lamb that once was

slain is sitting. To be with Jesus, to be like

Jesus, to love and serve him purely, deeply,

and faithfully, unflinchingly,—that is the Christian's

hope. I love says one to think of heaven;

and as I repeat the words they will find an echo

in each Christian's heart—

"I love to think of heaven; its cloudless light,

its pure and holy atmosphere, and its fellowship

of joy and love, unending; but when my mind

is turned to the thought of the other world,

and I see the Father, and the Son, and the Holy

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"Because, Sir, God loves Christians, and

they go to heaven—and then, God says we must

be Christians."

"But are you not good enough, as you are?"

"Are you not good enough to go to heaven?"

The question seemed to break him down, and

he burst into tears and hid his face on my knee

At length, he said through his tears, "Oh, no,

teacher, I am not good. I do not love God nor

Jesus. I do not do anything right." And he

buried his face in his hands again, and wept as if

his heart would break. "But," I asked, Robert,

if you are such a sinner how can you hope to be

a Christian? There was a rainbow of great joy

on his face as he said:

"Jesus died for sinners, and He helps them

to be Christians. I am a sinner, and he will

help me."

"Are you not afraid that you are too little to

be a Christian?"

"But Jesus said: 'Suffice it little children to

come unto me.' And did not the preacher say,

'The other day, that He would gather the lambs

and have you not told us that He ought to love

the dear Saviour now, while we are young?"

"Oh! I know I am little, but will not Jesus do

little things?" "Oh yes, Robert! Jesus does

little things." But there are so many tempta-

tions in the way of those who are as young

as you are. Are you not afraid that, after

joining the church, you might do something

very bad, that would bring disgrace upon the

name of Jesus?" Do you not fear lest you should

want to go back to the world after saying that

you would give it up? Might it not be better

for you to wait until you get a little older?"

This question caused another flood of tears, and

his little frame now shook with great sobbing,

as he leaned against me and wept. But at length

he made his reply:

"But I cannot wait any longer! I know it is

hard to keep from sin, but Jesus will help me.

I know that there are many temptations in my

way, but do not 'need Jesus more on that ac-

count? Will you not let me try to be a Chris-

tian?"

My heart was touched for the dear little boy,

I pleaded that he should be allowed to show his

love for Jesus by being baptized; but his father

thought it would be better for him to wait

until he was a little older, and so he was

not baptized. But his father's objection was

not his own, but that of the church. He had

been a member of the church for many years,

and he had seen many children baptized, and

he had seen many of them grow up in the

faith of their fathers, and he had seen many

of them become good men and women, and

he had seen many of them go to heaven, and

he had seen many of them do great things

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