

THE SAVING POWER.

Not Enough That We Simply Refuse to Do That Which is Wrong;

NOR YET THAT WE CONFESS TO SIN.

Turning to a Right Life Must be Accompanied by Divine Pardon.

THE SACRIFICE UPON THE CROSS

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

What is it which saves men? We all want to know that. We all need to know that. It is the question of questions. How can we be saved from sin—from sin past, from sin in the present; from sin future, from the love of sin, from the power of it—how can we be delivered from the guilt and from the love of sin?

(1) If we could prove ourselves innocent of sin, we would be delivered from the guilt of it; we would be acquitted. Some people try to do that. They do not attempt, of course, to make themselves out as altogether perfect. They have some faults. They have a brief catalogue of amiable failings, which lean decidedly to the "virtue" side. But they are not content with that. They say, "I don't do anybody any harm." There are a good many such people, and there are several things which ought to be said to them. These things all begin with the word "no."

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and hourly, and wholesale, and every pardon, we would be further than ever from that needed realization. It would be a greater good before the coming of the new day than the necessity of doing penance.

Second—And do you not see, too, that this further result would follow. That if any man, realizing that he has sinned, and that the sin which God had forgiven, would be utterly and miserably ashamed in His gracious presence! We would be pardoned. Suppose a man owned a large amount of money, and he had a son who was poor, bankrupt, tears up his notes, throws them in the fire and lets him go, would the debtor be at ease in that presence afterwards? The Count followed this advice, and was a traitor to his country and then being simply pardoned, would he not feel himself a branded criminal? Imagine Benedict Arnold forgiven and living. In the court of Washington and Jefferson! But God would wash us near to Him—not repel us. He wants us to be full of joy, not of shame, and of thanksgiving, something more than simple, unconditional, unearned forgiveness is necessary. So we add still another negative. Still the way of salvation is undisturbed. What saves men is not yet answered.

THE BEST PLAN.

Fourth—How then? How can we be delivered from the guilt of sin? Suppose that God himself should say: "I will take upon me the burden of my children's sin. I myself will bear the penalty in their stead. I want them to know what a dread the sin is, and I want them to realize how I love them. I will take upon me the burden of their sin, and I will teach them and save them by being manifested among them, and taking their sins upon me. I will be lifted up, for my children's sake, upon the cross, and I will draw them away from sin, and save them!"

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WEALTH IS NOT ALL.

Inventions Fail if They Only Increase Labor's Productiveness.

HAPPINESS IS MORE IMPORTANT.

Will Electricity Serve to Make the World Brighter and Better?

THE TELEGRAPH AND THE INTELLECT

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

The great advances made in electrical science during the last few years have drawn many thinking men to look forward in contemplation of its probable results. Science, history, and philosophy have been called upon to explain the productivity of mankind, but added nothing to its happiness. The men and women who lived and toiled before the great forces of steam were utilized were doubtless as happy, if not happier, than they who fill the factories and workshops of today. The shoemaker at his bench, the blacksmith at his forge, the village miller in his mill, the farmer in his field, worked longer hours perhaps, and made less money, but they were more independent, and therefore more contented.

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or, even Charles Dickens. A study of Addison, Bacon, Shakespeare or others of great name and fame, did very well for a former generation before the coming of the telegraph, and if not, they have the authors of the present, whether wise, or witty, or witty-waspy, or nasty, notorious or sensational fall back upon.

IT'S WITH US TO STAY.

But does electricity tend to injure the conscience or deteriorate the intellect? Is "its universal result to over-fill the mind with undigested and indigestible scraps and sensational items, the ultimate outcome of which will be a more "negative power?" Will the blessings of electricity, balance its blights?

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