

From the N. E. Puritan.

APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS.

Messrs. Editors.—I hear glad tidings almost every day; tidings which inspire joy like that which angels felt, when they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—I hear that God is reviving his work in towns, and whole clusters of towns, in several parts of the country; some of them remote, and some of them near me; and I hear of Christians that are awakened to new activity in serving God, by endeavoring to arouse their sleeping brethren, or warning careless sinners of their danger, and persuading them to repent; and of sinners convicted and converted. There is evidently "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and it is time for the Lord's people to bestir themselves.

Ministers of the Gospel, you have now a precious opportunity to do good; and the voice of God, in his providence, calls upon you to use it well. The members of our churches need to be instructed, at such a time as this, how to prepare themselves for the work of the Lord; and urged to give themselves wholly and forever to his service.

We believe the time is coming when God will "pour out his Spirit upon all flesh," so that all shall know Him, from the least to the greatest." Is not that time very near? If Christians all come up to the help of the Lord, engage heartily in persuading their unconverted friends to seek now the salvation of their souls, and in praying for the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, and at the same time depart from all iniquity, and do nothing to grieve away that Spirit; may we not expect that the good work, which is now commencing, will spread over the whole land, and continue, till at least a majority of the people become pious? Why should we longer say, the Lord's time has not yet come? Is it not because we have not made ourselves ready, that its coming has been deferred so long; and shall we not now awake to duty, and invite him to come and abide with us, till all his glorious promises in the conversion of the impenitent, and in the holiness and happiness of his people be fulfilled?

My health is so feeble, that I cannot enlarge on the subject. If there is any one, who feels anxious to do much for the glory of his Savior, and for the salvation of perishing souls, let him write for the Puritan, or some other newspaper, a few articles adapted to the present state of the churches. Let me suggest, that he direct attention to the following subjects, among others:—

1st. The danger of expecting and praying for only a temporary revival, instead of a perpetual one.

2d. The danger of being content with a state of religious excitement in himself and others, which may and will soon die away.

3d. The need of consecration to the service of God in the work of doing good, for life; such a consecration as will make one always to be more concerned about the prosperity of religion, than about his business, or his property, and more willing to devote time and strength to effort for the promotion of piety in Christians, and the conversion of sinners, than for the attainment of any selfish or temporal object.

4th. The encouragement we have in the word of God, and the signs of the times, to expect a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit; so that the inhabitants of Christian countries shall generally become pious, and those of other lands be made rapidly to receive and embrace the Gospel.

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Will the readers and correspondents of the Chronicle think of this? When shall it ever be that the hearts of all Christians shall become so fixed on the glory of this prospect, that their eyes shall be quick to see and their hands eager to do what is in their power to hasten on the day?

What is there in man so worthy of honor and reverence as this,—that he is capable of contemplating something higher than his own reason—more sublime than the whole universe; that Spirit which alone is self-subsistent,—from which all truth proceeds,—without which is no truth?—*F. H. Jacobi.*
Character is a perfectly educated will.
Novalis.

REVIVAL IN NORFOLK, VA. The Watchman of the South states, that a work of grace is in progress in this city. "Characterized by gentleness, stillness, tenderness, and deep solemnity. There are connected with it many events of deep interest." Are not such the characteristics of all true revivals?

TEXAS AS A MISSIONARY FIELD. The Watchman of the South remarks, upon the reception of files of Texan papers:

"We notice with pleasure that the whole spirit of the Texan press, so far as we have been able to learn it, is strongly in favor of good schools, good morals, and good preaching. We doubt whether there is any country, where able and faithful ministers of the gospel would find the public functionaries casting fewer obstacles in their way, than in Texas."

SOUL PROSPERITY. The celebrated Andrew Fuller relates the following experience: would it not be well for all desponding, unhappy christians to make it their own?

"I have found the more I do for Christ, the better it is with me. I never enjoyed so much of the pleasures of religion, as I have within the last two years, since we have engaged in the missionary business. Mr. Whitefield used to say, the more a man does for God, the more he may."

COLONIZATION.—A gentleman in the State of Tennessee offers 60 slaves to the Colonization Society, on condition that they are sent to Liberia. It is stated that they are ready and willing.

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