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whose mind was clearly in his work, his thoughts were centered upon the work he was doing. When he was employed by the king, he was highly the productions of his skillful hands. He was not a man who was he was unfortunate enough to contract a debt, which, being increased by his due upon it, became so large that it ended utterly to ruin him. This preyed upon his mind and took possession of it. He was no longer able to give whole heart to his work, and, consequently, his works did not come up to and like their former beauty. His sovereign noticed it, and, enquiring, found what was the matter.

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 a picture of the achievement of
 kingdom in our hearts! We were
 a debt we were utterly unable to
 must die. The King died, for he
 laid down his life for your debt
 paid. Now we are free, and shall
 interests have the first place in
 hearts and affections? Lastly,
 would seek first the kingdom of God
 must give it its place in the appor-

your time. What an age is which we live, the only object of being to enrich themselves with the of this life. Others, again, say they so much to do in obtaining new things that they have not time for God. But we are not to think there is no claims on our time. Have we to seek God morning, evening and day? Can one day in seven be sufficient for the worship of God? Can any idle man suppose that these duties will be crowded into a few hours a week? Suppose one of you has ten children, who each require a share of his time, and

tend, and which you are anxious to cultivate. How do you treat it? You moisture, place it out in the sunshine, guard it from danger, but do you ever place it in a dark cellar and then leave it for seven days—expecting then to flourish, budding and promising to charm the eye with its beautiful bloom? If so, what can you expect but disappointment? How can you expect it to flourish without the fine refreshing breeze necessary moisture and the cheering sunlight of these? And is there a more tender than the spiritual life—and can it

to develop itself, only re-
nourishment one day out of the seven.
We would seek a right Kingdom,
we must give it then, a higher pri-
ority claim on our time. You can
know little of the struggle of life; if
you are to these things, you shall
do? You doubt the words of the
life? Remember He is the faith-
ful one—"Seek ye first the king-
dom of God and His righteousness, and
all things shall be added unto you."
Have found this promise to fail. The
tried it and God provided for her
the years of famine. Solomon

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The five thousand in the wilderness
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faith in God. Trust in Christ—give
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He cannot disappoint you. He
Omnipotent: one thing He cannot do
cannot break His promise, and His
mise is, "Seek ye first the kingdom
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ST. GEORGE'S.

Rev. James Carmichael conducted service in the morning, and preached the 12th chapter and 32nd verse of the 1st Epistle of Peter. His text was: "And whosoever speaketh against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come."

He said: There are few clergy in the world who have lengthened experience in the work of the ministry that have not come across

spiritual despondency where a person is convinced that he has committed the unpardonable sin mentioned in verse 1. It is well to look at this, for if it be true that there is a sin—that there is a distinct act—that shuts a man out of heaven, then the sooner we know that sin is the better. If we receive punishment that God never ordains then the sooner we find out our error. It is a setting of the heart against this, it refers to any solitary act, be it a deed, it stands out alone from the scheme of divine mercy and forgiveness from all of God's holy word: for if

is one thing more than another characteristic of the Gospels is the doctrine of atonement. When God forgives like a king, beautifully, lovingly; hence we are told that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin; that the Son of Man came to save which was lot. Now in this argument there is no poison-dagger hidden in the sleeve of the Deity, and when a man says "that is one sin or one act" and says "That is an unpardonable sin and I have committed that sin," let him review the whole Gospel of God, and

I will ask, "Is there such a sin?" rule those who fancy they have committed this sin have committed a sin in flesh. This simply arises from a misapprehension of this act. There is one exception to the rule. It is told in the "Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; whosoever speaketh against the Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him." This, however, refers to one sin, the sin may be committed if the whole man was paralysed with the exception of head and tongue. What then is the

take it to be a state of sin rather than an act of sin—a state that shuts out forgiveness, because a state of sin binds so hard that it does not receive forgiveness, but rejects it. Every man of phemy, we are told, is open to forgiveness; why then is this special exception? Because the whole work of God's Son to obtain pardon for blasphemers; here some of you have insulted the Father, have rejected, the Word and the testimony of that Word; you have turned your eyes upon Him. But blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall never be forgiven.

...this? Because to reject the Spirit is to reject the only means that make the sufferings of the Cross lead to your redemption. The Holy Spirit is the rope that is held out to draw us into the ship that is to take us to a place of safety. If we reject it, can there be any redemption? If we reject those hands, if we tear them to pieces like the band, if we say, "I can't be saved," can you ask anyone to take us in? Can we blame the life sink and say, "I can't be saved," and then ask others to take us in? According to the Word the work of the Holy Spirit is to turn each of us towards redemption.

and to keep us as the only friend toward
 Gospel, and He is the only friend that
 lead us to the Gospel and keep us there.
 The only One that can bind me to my
 Saviour's feet is the Holy Spirit, and
 be rejected and systematically blaspheme
 the atonement remains there in the
 force; but not for me, I have rejected
 of my own free will. There is no sin
 sin that a man in this congregation
 ever thought of, there is no action
 reprehensible that the word of the
 Spirit does not warrant us as
 hope. Why does the dishonest

le silence? Simply because of consciousness of wrong. The power with the sin has bowed his low, and he sins darkly and silently with a hidden heart. He is conscious that he has sinned, and when the delirium has passed away, he is ready to take Bible and swear a thousand oaths that God will forgive him, and give him a chance he will never sin again. When this comes, the Holy Spirit is not allowed to lead him to this act. No man is an awful thing that sin bogets robes. The man that cringes under a serpent becomes careless. There are the

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men and women—I know no
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4. Song.		Mr. Sorge.
5. Quartette.	Value Your Days.	Mme. Vincent.
6. Messrs. Murphy, Hecker, Fargnahan and		
7. Song.	The Shadow of the Cross.	Odoro.
8. Pianoforte Solo.	I Led thee worse To Me.	
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PART II.

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2. Song.....Who's at My Window.....Oa!
Mme. Vincent.
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