THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN

Subject: "Cheer For the Disheart ened." (Preached at Kansas City, Mo.)

Text: "No man cared for my soul."-Psalms exlii., 4.

David, the rubicund lad, had become the battle worn warrior. Three thousand armed men in pursuit of him, he had hidden in the cave of Engedi, near the coast of the Dead Sea. Utterly fagged out with the trials of life, he sat down and cried out: "No man cared for my soul."

If you should fall through a hatchway, or slip from a scaffolding, or drop through a sky light, there would be hundreds of people in the street, and I asked: What is the matter?" and I found out that a poor laboring man had fallen under sunstroke; and all our eyes were filled with tears at the thought of his distracted wife and his desolate home.

We are all sympathetic with physical disaster, but how little sympathy for spiritual woes! There are men in this house who have come to mid-life who have never yet been once personally accosted about their eternal welfare. A great sermon dropped into an andience of hundreds of thousands will do its work; but if this world is ever to be brought to God it will be through little sermons preached to private Christians, to an audience of one. The sister's letter postmarked at the religious posteript to a business letter—the card left at the door when you had some kinder and hard of smiles and half of tears—the religious posteript to a business letter—the card left at the door when you had some kinder of the service of the servi

you. Your friends suddenly become critical against you. All the past against you. All the future against you. You make reproachful outcry: "No man cares for my soul!"

There was another occasion when all the doors of your heart swung open for sacred influences. A bright light went out in your household. Within three or four days there were compressed sickness, death, obsecutes, You were so lonely that 100 people coming into the house did not break up the solitariness. You were almost killed with the domestic calanity. A few formal, perfunctory words of consolation were uttered on the stairs before you went to the grave; but you wanted some one to come and talk over the whole matter, and recite the alleviations, and decipher the lessons of the dark bereavement. No one came. Many a time you could not sleep until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, and then your sleep was a troubled dream, in which were re-enacted all the scene of sickness, and parting, and dissolution. Oh, what days, and nights they were! No man seemed to care for your soul.

There was another occasion when your heart was very susceptible. There was a great awakening. There were hundreds of people who pressed into the kingdom of God; some of them acquaintances, some business associates, yes, perhaps, some members of your own family were baptised by sprinkling or immersion. Christian people thought of you, and they called at your store, but you were out on business. They stopped at your house, you had gone around to spend the evening. They seem a kindly message to you. One touch of the Gospel swent by the your house, you had gone around to spend the evening. They seem a kindly message to you. One touch of the Gospel swent by your friends went in, and your sons and daughters went into the church, you into the kingdom of God. When on communion day your friends went in, and your sons and daughters went into the church, you heard your face in your handkerchief and sobbed: "Why am I left out? Everybody seems to get saved but me. No man cares for my soul."

of distress all these voyagers of eternity would bear down toward you and bring you relief. But no! you are like a ship on fire at sea. They keep the hatches down, and the Captain is frenzied, and he gives orders that no one hail the passing snips. He says: "I shall either land this vessel in Hamburg or on the bottom of the occan, and I don't care which." Yonder is a ship of the White Star line passing. Yonder one of the National line. Yonder one of the Imman line. But they know not there is any calamity happening on that one vessel. Oh! if the captain would only put his trumpet to his lip, and cry out: "Lower your boats! Bear down this way! We are burning up! Fire!" Fire!" No. No. No signal is given. If that vessel perishes, having hailed no one, whose fault will it be? Will it be the fault of the ship that hid its calamity, or will it be the fault of the vessels that, passing on the high seas, would have been glad to furnish relief if it had been only asked! In other words, my brother, if you miss heaven it will be your own fault.

No one cares for your sou!! Why, in all the ages there have been men whose entire business was soul saving. In this work Munson went down under the knives of the cannibals whom he had come to save, and Robert McCheyne preached himself to death by thirty years of age, and John Bunyan was thrown into a dungeon in Bedfordshire, and Jehudi Ashman endured all the malarias of the African jungle; and there are hundreds and thousands of Christian men and women now who only five or six miles from Rethleben to

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barn, and, mistrusting something terrib was the matter, she went out and came to the place where her son lay, and she cried on "Oh, Henry! dead and not a Christian. Of my son! my son! dead and not a Christian. Oh, Henry! Henry! dead and not a Christian." God keep us from such a catastrophe

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