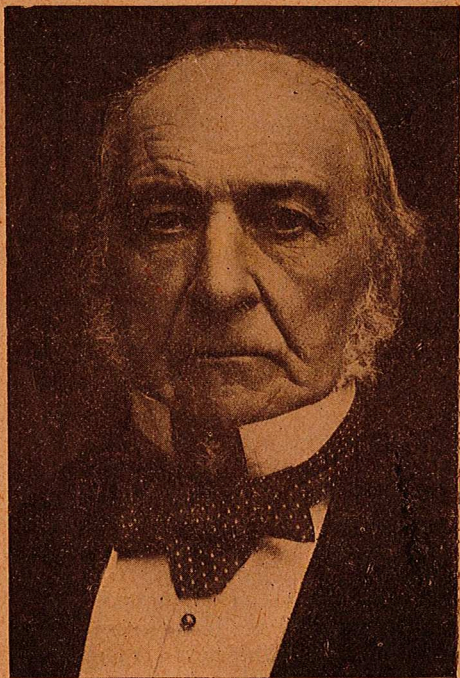


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Gladstone's Advice.

D R. F. E. Clarke, founder of the Christian Endeavour Movement, tells us that the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in bidding farewell to his colleagues on his death-bed, solemnly said to Lord Rosebery, "Rosebery,

Take care of your soul."

Surely this was excellent advice from the dying statesman to his brilliant friend and political colleague, who succeeded him as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

It is a wonder that anyone needs such an exhortation. One would naturally expect that, seeing the soul is infinitely more valuable than the body, everyone would diligently attend to its welfare. And yet, alas! few, comparatively speaking, are concerned about their soul's salvation. One would imagine from the way people act and talk that they had no soul, and that this world was all that was worth living for. The world's pleasures and cares, business and politics, amusements and recreations, are the general subjects of conversation. Such themes are spoken of with interest and enthusiasm, but when the soul's relation to God and eternity is introduced, there is a dead silence, or an effort made to change the subject

of conversation. The Lord Jesus asked the momentous question:

"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul. (Matt. xvi. 26).

What will it profit you, oh, fellow-traveller to eternity, though you become a millionaire, a Member of Parliament, a Prime minister, a Professor, or be classed among the great and mighty of the earth, if your soul is lost?

In Eternity you will see that there is no "profit" whatever, but that it is all loss and no gain. None but Christ can remove your load of sin.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matt. vi. 33).

First things first. In this world you may be poor, despised, and forsaken, but if you are saved and satisfied with Christ as your portion, you will be happier than the rich and great who know not Him. The Lord Jesus is coming to take His people to be with Himself, and all who are unsaved will be left behind for judgment. His own words are: "Surely I come quickly." Are you certain that you are prepared to meet Him? If not, what an awful thought. You and your Christian friends and relations will be eternally separated! You will

ceaselessly blame yourself for your folly and madness in despising God's provision for your deepest need.

Why not now believe on Christ who died to save you from eternal woe? In spite of your sins He loves you. He so loved you as to bear the judgment due to you (Isaiah liii. 5-6). He thinks of you every moment. He desires to bless and save you. Look now by faith to Christ and be saved (Isaiah xlv. 22). Look to Him bleeding and dying on the Cross of Calvary for you. Believe His "glad and glorious Gospel" which tells us what Christ's death has accomplished (1 Cor. xv. 1-4), and you will obtain the free and full forgiveness of all your sins. Believe and live (John iii. 14-15). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John iii. 36).

"FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME
TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH
WAS

LOST!" Luke 19. 10.

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