

once" (i. e. the knowledge of the law,) if alive it must

soon as Paul understood that he had been breaking the law, he realized that death, the penalty of the

law rested upon him. Then, although he had as

he thought, perhaps repented before, he now finds

he had not the repentance required, since he is

obliged to repent still further. And had he event-ually been justified by it, his justification would

manifestly have been out of the plan of salvation

laid down by inspiration. It is evident that con-

demnation results from rejecting light. See John

Dear brothren and sisters, shall we apply the

perfectly obedient to God's requirements, and hence

had no further need of reformation? Again, when

we supposed we were keeping that commandment,

but instead, except twice in the year observed a

part of two days, did we then have a repentance

which admitted no reform, because it was perfect?

such there are) who admit the perpetuity of the

law, and suppose they are keeping the fourth com-

mandment, claim justification on the same ground?

Nothing can make a repentance which is not per-

fect Bible repentance, as we have already seen.

BRIEF REPLY

TEXT. Phil. i. 21. "For me to live, is Christ;

Eld. P. said it would be gain to Paul to die, and

Answer. Paul was in a strait betwixt two, (life

for his immortal soul to go to heaven and be with

other hand. But to live or die was gain to Christ's

present time. Thus representing us to be infidels

once found in the Bible; and if believing all that

is in the Bible, and no more makes us infidels, we plead guilty to the charge. But were Sir Isaac and

Bishop Newton, Milton, Archbishops Whately and

The rich man and Lazarus were then brought to

prove that the dead are conscious in hell and heav-

en; i. e., their immortal souls. Then he made the statement that this was literal history, and could

Ans. If this is a literal history, it fails to prove

that the immortal souls of these men were in heav en or hell, or that they had immortal souls. The

thing to be proved was wanting, and taken for

granted or assumed. Suppose we should admit that they were deathless spirits. Would the Ehler

Tillison infidels for not believing the same?

for not believing the soul immortal.

The Eld. went on to state that infidelity was always nearly the same from Voltaire down to the

We know that " immortal soul" is not

But a word to the wise is sufficient.

and to die is gain."

Christ,

cause.

Ans.

iii, 19.

evidently not of itself sorrow or remorse for sin. since those whom Peter addressed were already pricked in the heart. Macknight renders it, refor ignorance. His requirements are all expressed form in these and in all parallel passages. We be-lieve there is but one true repentance, and that is positively, absolutely. It may be asked then, what will be the destiny of our forefathers, who lived and died in the habitual violation of the fourth produced by grief on account of sin. See 2 Cor. vii, 20. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to commandment. We would answer, They are in commandment. We would answer, They are in the hauds of the Lord, and "shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" but from cer-tain expressions in Holy Writ, we conclude that they will not be judged by the light we have. Thus Paul declared, "I was alive without the law salvation," &c. [Notice, the repentance is separate from the sorrow and produced by it. The Bible nowhere tells us how much sorrow we must have; but it is certain we must have enough to produce reformation, which as we have observed is the second condition; repentance would be the natural consehave been because sin was not imputed, and with it condemnation; "but," (says he) "when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." As quence of sorrow and regret for any given course of action.] The apostle also declares, "The good-ness of God leadeth thee to repentance." One led to act by the influence of motive, willouly act while that motive possesses power. Thus persons who repent while simply under the influence of fear, will, when the fear is no longer felt, relapse into former habits. We have here one reason of so large a number who openly profess Christ in our popular exciting revivals so soon returning to former sinfulness

We are now led to inquire suto the nature of Bible repentance or reformation. What rule governs it? Evidently none other than that rule or law by the transgression of which man has forfeited his foregoing? When we were observing the first day of the week for the Sabbath of the Lord Instead of claim to the promises. Thus David says, [Ps. xix, 7,] "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. This law, the same that man has broken, will, if that required by the fourth commandment, were we obeyed, convert or reform the soul, and the part that has been transgressed must govern the reform. Thus a thief may keep all ten of the commandments, save the eighth which says "Thou shall not steal;" but while he persists in breaking that, he is not a reformed man. That alone will convict him We may endeavor to justify ourselves on the plea of ignorance and conscientiousness; but could not of sin, and only that can become the rule of his reformation. Suppose this thief was at first transgressing all the commandments, and should return some who keep the first day, especially those (and to the observance of all save the eighth, is he then perfectly reformed ? is he not a sinner, a thief still ? The same principle will apply as well to any other commandment. Suppose now he recognizes the binding nature of all the commandments, but not fully understanding them, is still not perfectly keeping all ! has he now a repentance that needeth never to be repented of, i. e., a reformation that can be extended no further, since he has become perfectly To a Discourse by Eld. Penfield. Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids District, preached in Wright, Mich., March, obedient? Jas. ii, 10 says, " Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is quilty of all." How so James? Is a man just as depraved, who keeps all the commandments save one, and that, it may be partially, as another who is in the habitual violation of them all? This is certainly not the idea, since the Scriptures recognize degrees of wickedness. Compare Matt. xii, 45; xxiii, 15 and 2 Pet. ii, 20. What then shall we unor death on the one hand,) having a desire to de-part (by translation) and to be with Christ, on the What then shall we understand the Apostle to teach? Simply this: justification by the deeds of the law, is based on perfect and entire obedience, and the penalty of anyting short of this is death. Since anything less than ab solute obedience is sin, and "the soul that sinneth it shall die." The penalty can be no more for the transgression of the entire law. Capital punishment illustrates this idea. A man in the State of Illinois is punishable with death for the murder of one individual, while should he kill ten, instead of being sentenced to ten deaths in consequence, he can receive no greater penalty than for the murder of one.

We can now, I think, understand the nature of repentance as brought to view in the Bible. It is no partial reformation; but the repentance to salvation produced by golly sorrow, is that which is not to be repented of. 2 Cor. vii, 20. "For godly not be shown to be a parable. sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be It is becoming " dead to sin." repented of." Ro. mans. Now a person is not dead while he retains the last remains of life. But it may be replied One certainly repents if he embraces and observes what he at the time supposes to be all God's requirements, although in reality, he be ignorantly in the habitual violation of some part of the divine We would ask if God expresses his requireliteral water cool? We think he would not, know law.

What are we to understand by this term? It is not to be repented of ? and why did not James say | immaterial, and made out of nothing," and then he that offends knowingly in one point is guilty of all? Jehovah has in his plan made no allowance sing it to be "God's immortal breath;"

Going to heaven and hell at death,

as taught by his books; then we will let father Wes-" For ley preach to him a little on immateriality. what is immaterial fire? The same as immaterial water or earth. Both the one and the other is absolute nonsense, a contradiction in terms. Either therefore we must affirm it to be material, or we deny its existence.—Sermons, Vol. II, p. 150. I will apply Wesley's reasoning to the *immaterial* soul, and deny its existence and consider it " absolute nonsense."

Luke xvi, 19, &c., is a parable, 1st. Because it stands connected with a number of parables in the same discourse, beginning with Luke xv, and end-ing with chap. xvi. 2d. "For without a parable spake he bot unto" that class of hearers addressed in this discourse. 3d. Where has Moses warned of a future hell of torments in his writings? See Deut. xxxii, 22-26. Nowhere.

It is not my work at present to show what it does mean, neither is it necessary as far as any argument against us is concerned.

Moses and Elias were next called up with the claim that it was their immortal souls which were on the Mount. He said that Moses was not raised, and that Elias was John the Baptist.

Ans. We will let his commentator, Dr. Clarke, answer, hoping he will acknowledge his authority. ["Matt. xvii, 3. Moses and Elias.] Elijah came from heaven in the same body which he had upon earth, for he was translated, and did not see death. 2 Kings ii, 11. And the body of Moses was probably raised again, as a pledge of the resurrection." We will say, as far as the argument is concerned, that, it was not necessary that either Moses or Elias should have been there at all, as it was a VISION. Verse 9. "Tell the vision," &c.

The Eld. said the thief on the cross went to paradise that day, and said the grave was not paradise. Ans. 1. We believe that paradise is the third heaven. 2 Cor. xii, 1-4. 2. This is no proof that the thief had an immortal soul. 3. He did not request to be remembered by Jesus until he came into his kingdom; and he has not come into his kingdom yet. 2 Tim. iv, 1. 4. By reading this reply of Jesus as an interrogative answer, "To day, shalt thou be with me? dc., the implied re-sponse is, No. This will agree with both Matt. xxvii, 44; Mark xv 32, who say that both thieres reviled him If one thief was penitent, there is no evidence that he went to heaven that day. To-day, in the text, is the same as the day when he comes into his kingdom.

5. If the thief's soul went to paradise that day, it must have gone there alive; for he was not dead. This was the reason they broke his legs.

6. Three days after, Jesus said he had not yet as-

cended. John xx, 17. Eld. P. Absent from the body and present with the Lord. He said this was his immortal soul that went to heaven.

Ans. 1. How did the elder know that it was his immortal soul that went to heaven? O, this was the inference.

2. What body, house or tabernacle had Paul reference to? If it be said the earthly body (which admits of a doubt) then the we and our must be the souls in this body. But how many souls has each body ? 2 Cor. v. 1.

3. When does the Anostle expect to be clothed apon with his house from heaven? Ans., [verse 4,] When "mortality is swallowed up of life," which loes not take place until the resurrection of the dead, [2 Cor. xv, 53, 54,] which is the clearest evidence that Paul did not expect his crown of lifs until Christ comes. Col. iii, 4; 2 Tim. iv, 6-8.

Eld. P. They tell us that immortal soul cannot be found in the Bible. Well, what of that? They tell us that deathless spirit cannot be found in the Bible. What of that? Suppose we cannot. God be ready to admit that they had eyes, tongue and other bodily organs? that literal fire could burn, or is a Spirit, a deathless Spirit; so man has a deathless spirit.

Ans. A great deal of that. This is the reas n ments in such a manner as to justify this conclu-sion? If so, why talk of a repentance that needeth the Catechisms claim, that the "immortal soul is it, because the Bible does not teach it. Are we in-

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fidels for this? Beasts have spirits. Eccl. iii, 21. Are they deathless too, because God's Spirit is deathless, the only source of immortality? 1 Tim.

vi, 16. Eld. P. If man has no soul then he dies as the brute.

Ans. Eccl. iii, 19. "As the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath: so that a man hath no preëminence above a beast." We believe that man has a preëminece in the resurrec tion, but not in his death; and that man is all soul, instead of having no soul. Eld. P. He thought 5000 years was a long

time for good Abel to be kept out of heaven.

We want the Elder to think that poor Cain has been kept out of an awful hell all this time, with many others. Don't forget that. The Elder next referred to Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob. "For he is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him." Ans. This question arose on the subject of the

resurrection, and not the intermediate state; and Paul in Rom. iv, 17, speaking of Abraham says: "God who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were?" If they are alive they must be raised.

Eld. P. said the wicked are not annihilated; for matter cannot be annihilated.

Ans. Who pretends that it can? But if souls are "immaterial, and made of nothing" according to the Elder's books, there cannot be anything to be annihilated; for it is nothing to commence with. But we would respectfully inquire of the Elder if the same Cause that produced matter out of nothng, has not the power to resolve it into nonentity again?

Eld. P. said eternal and everlasting were the same original words. Matt. xxv, 46. He knew

this, for he could read Greek some. Ans. This we believe, that they both denote endless duration. For "everlasting punishment," which is "everlasting destruction," [2 Thess. i, 9,] will be as long as everlasting life for the rightcous. Death and destruction is the punishment of Death and destruction is the punishment; and everlasting death, not life in misery, is everlasting punishment.

Eld. P. quoted Jude 7: "Suffering eternal fire." Ans. 2 Pet. ii, 6. Sodom &c., were turned to ashes for an example to all those who should live What can this example be good for, unungodly. less the wicked shall be burned to ashes in the day of Judgment? 2 Pet. iii, 7; Mal. iv, 1-4. The eternal fire that burned up Sodom was the elements of electricity or lightning. See Josephus. In or-der to keep them tormented for ever, he had them sinning for ever.

Eld. P. If man had no immortal soul, he said there could be no conversions: he might as well preach to his horse.

Ans. We think it might be as well unless he sheds more light than he did in that sermon, and one on the Trinity some years since.

Eld. P. said if God was a corporeal being, and had eyes, he might become blind; if he had ears, he might become deaf, or might sicken and die.

Ans. We thought we might as well have any kind of a God as to have, according to the Elder's creed, an "immaterial God without body or parts," which is exactly no God at all. See 1st Article of his faith. Also hymn 103. He quoted some po-etry of Dr. Young's, and said Christ comes quickly at death to give rewards. Quoted poetry on the death of Bishop McKendry,

"He comes to waft my spirit home, All is well, &c."

He said, If to be struck out of existence instantly

was the punishment, it would be no punishment at all. I have not endeavored to give the exact words of the speaker, but the ideas. Many hard assertions which he made are not worth noticing. His attempts at proofs, we have endeavored to state as plain as possible, and briefly answer.

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I CONSIDER that man as having attained the end of preaching, who constrains his hearers to forget everything else except the way in which he is per-sonally affected by the great and interesting truths brought before him.—Innes.

Historical Sketches on the Immortality of the Soul.

THERE is but one Scripture that can be produced in proof of man's immortality. That may be found Gen, iii, 4. "Y be as gods," &c. "Ye shall not surely die; . . . ye shall

But necromancy did exist among the idolatrous heathens even in the days of Moses, as Deut. xviii, 9-14, will show. Necromancy is a profession to consult with the departed spirits of the dead. By this we can see that this doctrine was very ancient, and must have had its origin from the Devil; not from God, as it was "an abomination" to him

The earliest history of which we can get anthentic accounts informs us that

" PYTHAGORAS was in Egypt, and from thence went to Babylon. His stay there, Jamblicus tells is, was twelve years: and that, in his converse with the Magians, he learned from them arithmetic, mu-sic, and the knowledge of divine things, and the sacred mysteries pertaining thereto. But the sacred mysteries pertaining thereto. But the most important doctrine which he brought home from thence was the immortality of the soul, for it is generally agreed among the ancients, that he was the first of all the Greeks that taught it. And this, I take it for certain, he had from Zoroaster; for as I have before shown, it was his doctrine, and he is the ancientest of any whom we have up-on record of all the heathen nations that taught it." Prid. Con., Vol. I, p. 205.

SOCRATES. "The demon of Socrates, from the Greek word which signifies something of a divine nature, conceived as a secret voice, a sign, or such an inspiration as diviners are supposed to have had. It is well known what his prognostications had been long before, upon the unfortunate expedition to Sicily. He attributed it to his demon, and declared it to be the inspiration of that spirit. Soc rates, the last day of his life, explained to his friends all the arguments for believing the soul immortal, and refuted all the objections against it, which are very nearly the same as are made at this day. The philosopher here sets forth these great truths, which a constant tradition, though very much obscured by fiction and fable, had always preserved among the pagans; the last judgment of the righteous and wicked; the eternal punishment to which great criminals are condemned; a place of peace and joy without end for the souls that retain their purity and innocence, or which, during this life, have explated their offences by repentance and satisfaction; and an intermediate state, in which they purify themselves, for a certain time, for less considerable crimes, that have not been atoned for dur-ing this life. (Catholic purgatory.) . . But as the soul is *immortal*, it has no other means of being freed from its evils, nor any safety for it, but in becoming very good and very wise; for it carries nothing away with it, but its good or bad deeds, its virtues or vices, which are commonly the consequences of the education it has received, and the causes of eternal happiness or misery. But for those who have passed through life with peculiar sanctity of manners, delivered from their base earthly abodes as from a prison, they are received on high in a pure region which they inhabit; and as philosophy has sufficiently purified them, they live without their bodies through all eternity. I can never persuade Crito, that Socrates is he who converses with you, and disposes the several parts of his discourse; for he always imagines that I am what he is about to see dead in a little while. He confounds me with my carcass," &c. Rollins History, Vol. II, pp. 304, 322-324.

PLATO. Josephus to the Greeks on hades says: "You believe that the soul is created, and yet is made *immortal* by God, according to the doctrine of Plato.'

"They that die in time of peace, by some distemper or other, since their souls are already condemned to the grave, together with their bodies; for what man of virtue is there who does not know that those souls which are severed from their fleshly bodies in battles by the sword, are received by the ether, that purest of elements, and joined to that company which are placed among the stars; that they become good demons, and propitious heroes, and show themselves as such to their posterity afterwards, while upon those souls that wear away in and with their distempered bodies, come to a subteranean night, dissolve them to nothing." Wars, Book VI Chap. i, Sec. 5.

"ORIGEN was at the head of this speculative tribe. This great man, enchanted by the charms of the Platonic philosophy, set it up as the test of all religions, and imagined that the reasons of each doctrine were to be found in that favorite philosophy, and their nature and extent to be determined by it. Its first promoters argued from that known doctrine of the Platonic school, which also was adopted by Origen and his disciples, that the di-vine nature was diffused through all human souls. Mosheim, Vol. I, p. 88. PAUSANIAS. "Chaldean and Indian magi have

been the first who asserted the immortality of the soul." Herodotus, p. 111.

LARCHER. " It is indeed known that the immortality of the soul was not known to the Jews, but by the commerce which they had with the Assyr-ians during the time of their captivity." Ib. DR. CAMPBELL says: "Before the captivity, and

the Macedonian and Roman conquests, the Jews observed the most profound silence upon the state of the dead, as to their happiness or misery. They spoke of it simply as a state of silence, darkness, and inactivity. But after the Hebrews mingled with the Greeks and Romans, they insensibly slided into their use of terms, and adopted some of their ideas on such subjects as those on which their oracles were silent." Preface to his Translation.

Moses. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nos-trils the breath of life, and MAN became a living ul." Gen. ii, 7. WATSON. "The body, formed out of preexistsoul."

ent matter, the earth, and a living soul, breathed into the body by inspiration of God. . . . That was the rational spirit itself, which, by a law of its Creator, was incapable of death, even after the body had fallen under that penalty. In spirituality, and consequently, immateriality, this image of God in man, then, in the first existence, consists. Nor is it any valid objection to say, that immateriality not peculiar to the soul of man, for we have reason to believe that the inferior animals of the earth are actuated by an immaterial principle. But the tenet of the soul's descent appears to have most coun-tenance from the language of Scripture. . . The philosophical difficulties which have presented themselves to this opinion appear chiefly to have arisen from supposing that consciousness is an essential attribute of spirit; and that the soul is naturally immortal; the former of which cannot be proved, while the latter is contradicted by Scripture, which makes our immortality a gift dependent on the will

of the Giver." Institutes, p. 252. M. E. CHURCH. "How did God make man?

His body out of the dust; his soul out of noth-g." S. S. Book for children, by the M. E. C. ing."

BENSON. The soul is "the spiritual and immaterial part of you; this will still survive in all its vigor, while its tabernacle lies in ruins." Benson's ommentary, Matt. x, 28.

WESLEY. "For what is immaterial fire? The same as immaterial water, or earth! Both the one and the other is absolute nonsense; a contradiction in terms. Either therefore we must affirm it to be material, or we deny its existence." Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II, p. 150. LUTHER LEE. "An immaterial substance there-

fore can have no surface, and that which has no surface can never be brought into contact with that which has." Luther Lee, p. 62. BUCK. "The rational soul is simple, uncom-

pounded, and immaterial, not composed of matter

and form." Theological Dictionary, Art., Soul. SPIRITUALISTS. "Ques. What do spirits pro-pose to accomplish by these new manifestations? "Ans. To unite mankind, and convince skeptic-

al minds of the immortality of the soul." w Channing. " Ques.

What good can result from these manifestations?

"I will answer it. It is to draw mankind together in harmony, and convince skeptics of the *immortality* of the soul." J. C. Calhoun.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE PRESENT TRUTH, No. 21.

THE JUDGMENT! (CONTINUED.)

PETER in his first epistle [chap. iv, 4-6] speaks of a certain class "who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick (living) and dead. For for this cause," he continues, " was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to (Gr., kata, in the same manner as) men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit." This testimony is important. It furnishes positive proof that some are judged while they are dead, and others while they are living; and that consequently a Judgment passes upon the human race, before the resurrection. And the next verse shows us the chronology of this work: it is when "the end of all things is at hand."

It may be asked how those in their graves can he judged. We answer, It is from the books of record which are kept of all men's actions. We read in Dan. vii, 10, that the Judgment was set, and the books were opened. And again, [Rev. xx. 21.] the books were opened and the dead were judged out of those things written in the books. A variety of texts also inform us that every man shall be rewarded according to his works. See Matt. xvi, 17; Rom. ii, 6; 2 Cor. v, 10; Rev. ii, 23; xxii, 12. From this testimony we learn that a record is kept of the acts of all men, and from that record their reward is given them according to their desert. There is no judgment in this sense of the term, independent of these books of record. But "the time is come," says Peter, "that judgment must begin at the house of God ; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God ?"

We now inquire, What event must he pointed out by this testimony ?. The answer is, The closing ministration of the Sanctuary ! The work of cleansing the earthly Sanctuary was a work of judgment. The high priest went into the most holy place, bearing the breast plate of judgment, on which were the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel, to make an atonement for the holy Sanctuary and for all the people of the congregation. Ex. xxvin, 15-30; Lev. xvi, 33. And whosoever did not afflict his soul upon that day of atonement, was to be cut off from among his people. Chap. xxiii, 29.

This could only prefigure one solemn fact, namely, the great time of judgment and decision that should pass upon the human race in the closing work of the heavenly Sanctuary. In the type, the cleansing of the Sanctuary was atoning for, and removing, sins. In the antitype it is blotting them out. " Repent ye therefore," says Peter, "and be converted that your sins may be hlotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts iii, 19. When is this? Ans. When he is about to send Jesus Christ. Verse 20.

In the type a round of service was repeated and completed every year. In the antitype it is accomplished once for all. When the last act of cleansing is accomplished, the plan of salvation is endedthe result is told ! From that decision there is no appeal; for there is thenceforth no more offering for sin. Heb. x, 18. Then the decree goes forth, " He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteons still ; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Rev. xxii, 11. All cases are then decided; judgment has passed upon the human race ! And the chronology of this decision is also revealed to us in the verse following, where the Saviour continues after pronouncing the above sentence. "And behold I come quickly, and my reward is with шe."

In the type atonement was made for the people of

for as individuals we must stand condemned or ac-1 least, have not been well manned. When people are quitted at the judgment-seat of Christ. It is but a just conclusion therefore that the lives of the children of God, not only those who are living, but all who have ever lived, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, will during the closing of the Sanctuary service, pass in final review before that great tribunal. It is thus that judgment begins at the house of God. It is thus that the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and all the people of God. stand in their lot. The merits of that blood which was shed on Calvary looked back as well as forward, and reached transgressions under the first covenant, as well as those committed since that time. Heb. ix, 15.

We now understand the import of that angel's message who proclaimed on land and sea. The hour of his Judgment is come. With his message it did come. The proclamation ceased, and our High Priest entered upon his last office for the salvation of men.

That there is a Judgment after Christ comes is evident. The time allotted to it is one thousand years. But this can have no connection with the saints who enter upon their reward previous to that time, as we have already shown. Who then are the subjects of this Judgment ? We answer. The wicked. Our Lord told Peter, and through him the twelve apostles, that in the regeneration, when he should sit upon the throne of his glory, they also should sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt. xix, 28. This must refer to the wicked of the tribes of Israel ; for the righteous are then entered upon the fruition of their hope. But the tribes of Israel are not alone concerned in this matter. Paul writes to his Corinthian brethren, " Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world ? Know ye not that we shall judge angels ?" 1 Cor. vi, 2, 3. The reference here must of course be to the wicked of the world and to the fallen angels who are reserved to judgment. Jude 6. And this judgment of the wicked passes upon them while they are yet in their graves ; for we read in Rev. xx, that those who have part in the first resurrection live and reign with Christ a thousand years; and it is during this thousand years, while they are reigning with Christ that they are judging the wicked, as we learn from Matt. xix, 28. Rev. xx. 4, also says that judgment was given (committed) unto them. After the thousand years are ended, the wicked are raised, come up around the camp of the saints, and the judgment which during that time had been allotted to them is executed upon them.

In the Judgment that is now passing in the heavenly Sanctuary, since it has to do with transgressions under the first testament, the natural order would be that the cases of the dead should first come up, and the living last. Thirteen years and over have now elapsed since the work commenced. In the very nature of the case it must soon be finished. The interests of a perishing world now center there. All have an interest there; for the cases of each personally and singly must come up and be forever decided.

Brethren, we are satisfied that this is the great subject for this time. The Judgment ! The Judg-Would that a voice might continually remind ment! us that its solemn council is now in session, and its unalterable decisions passing upon our race. Reader, how does your case stand? Have you an interest in the Advocate who is pleading the cases of his children before his Father ? Are you aware of a charge that yet stands against you unrepented of and unforgiven? Pass not over this subject lightly. Eternity is bound up in it. An endless and glorious life, or an eternal death, hang upon the issue. May the Lord help us to feel over it, and feeling to act-so act that our sins may he blotted from the book of his remembrance, and our names, though unworthy, still stand in the golden characters of the book of life. (To be Continued.)

A SUGGESTION

In regard to Tent Meetings. We suggest that the brethren in different parts of the field take the subject into close examination and see if we have not had to this people as a body, Ye hypocrites! for ye pro-Israel as a body. Now it has to do with individuals; too many Tents in the field, so that some of them, at less to believe in my soon coming, that ye are having

invited to a Tent-meeting their expectations are raised and if the effort be a feeble one, there is a disappointment, and generally in such cases more harm than good is accomplished.

We therefore suggest that no more Tents be in the field than can be well manned, and well sustained, Tents thus moving out in this western field are sure of accomplishing a great work. Is it not too late to talk about working on the farm part of the time, and going as a preacher with a tent the rest of the time 7 Should not every Tent company he free from worldly care and embarrassment? Brethren, think of these things, and may the Lord direct his people.

J. W.

CAUSE IN THE WEST.

We still feel deeply interested for the cause in the West, partly because of its misfortunes in consequence of the treacherous part acted by some who have turned its enemies, and the unfaithfulness of some who have moved West, and partly, because it is a field of successful labor. The Lord is evidently moving on the hearts of the people in the West, and if his people hope for success they should move in concert with their Lord.

We have no less interest in the salvation of souls in the East and should we yield to our own feelings. would prefer to labor in good old New England. But having labored all the way from Maine to Iowa, we are prepared to decide in our own mind where labor will accomplish most at present. We feel anxious that much labor at present should be hestowed upon Ohio. Michigan. Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, only because we believe this to be the will of God, and will prove the salvation of most precious souls.

Says Bro. M. Hull, of Iowa, "Brethren, cannot we have a Tent in Iowa? I do think this State is the best field in the West. I am certain that two good humble men with a Tent in this State can do much good for the cause of truth. Will the brethren act upon it immediately ?"

Could one of our brethren who has had experience in holding Tent-meetings join Bro. Hull in Iowa with one of our Tents, we might hope for great success. But it would require from three to five hundred dollars to sustain such an enterprise in a manner to accomplish the most good.

Where are the brethren who are ready with their hundreds, their fifties, their twenty-fives, or their tens ? Where ? Satan seems to have the control of the purses of the church, with very few exceptions. Repeated disappointments are saddening and discouraging our preachers. They have generally moved out expecting to be sustained by their brethren m their ardnous work; but their brethren have often failed to do their duty. They have looked on apparently unmoved, and have seen one after another of our preachers break down in health through over labor, and deprivation for want of means, while they have continued to hug their earthly treasures to their hearts. Disappointment has been the sad lot of our preachers, and now several of them are much sunken down under poverty, broken down health and discouragement. We suggest to our preaching brethren that it might be best to avoid taking responsibilities which the church should bear. Let the brethren feel the responsibilities which justly rest upon them. Spare your strength and health. When the church furnishes Tents, Tent-masters, and help enough and means to sustain the enterprise, then you " Preach the word." God does not require you to enfeeble your constitution in over labor in that which is not your calling.

Should the Church freely hand out to sustain the cause the amount of the annual taxes on their property, there would be in the Lord's treasury double the amount wanted to sustain the cause in all its departments. Were Jesus on earth, would he not say

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the last message, and that all is on the altar, while your covetous works deny your profession? Let those who have any knowledge of the state of the canse answer this question, and reflect seriously upon it.

The Lord is preparing the hearts of the people to hear and receive the truth; yet our books remain in the Office, because the Church does not purchase them and circulate them, and some of our preachers remain at home, because they are not sustained in the work. Will not the people of God arise, and sacrifice a little of this world's goods to carry forward the work of God? Will they do it now? or must the cause suffer on ? Says Bro. M. Hull, March 22d. "I have just closed a meeting at Decatur City, (Iowa.) and notwithstanding the dragon spirit was manifested, thirty-five bold soldiers enlisted in the army of Commandment keepers, who are rejoicing in the belief of the Third Message, and are striving to obtain the tried gold. May God help them to stand. I could have sold more than \$200 worth of publications in the past three months if I had had them."

Bro. John Walker of Victoria, Daviess Co., Missouri, writes, "Bro. Hull of Iowa was over here and delivered five discourses. It has created great excitement and reading to see if these things are so." This brother sends for books, which we send, also the REVIEW.

Language will not express the anguish of spirit we feel as we pen these lines. We look over the vast harvest-field in the West, where in almost every school district may be found two or three, or perhaps a score or two who are ready to receive the truth ; and the body of those to whom God has committed the last message, and who are responsible for its spread, is stupid, worldly, covetous, and almost inactive.

Dear brethren, we warn you to arouse, and act for God and the truth while you may. Jesus will soon spue the lukewarm out of his mouth. Your only hope is to awake and act now. You who have repeatedly and in the most solemn manner been warned of your danger, how much longer will Jesus bear with you? Do you not see in yourselves evidence that Jesus is leaving you ? spuing you out of his mouth? Be not deceived. You have no reason to suppose that this act of our Lord will be marked by any outward sign, or judgment from him. No, he will leave those who do not heed his counsel. They will fall into a careless, unfeeling state, and imagine their condition quite good. This is the condition of most of those who profess the last message. We solemnly fear that but few will escape the snare of the enemy,

What more can God do for this people ? The threatenings of his word have been plainly set before them by his servants. The last message has been sounded in their ears. The rebuking testimony from Jesus to the Laodiceans has come home to their hearts. condemning their love of this world, and their distance from God. He has, as it were, talked to them face to face. O what can he do to draw this people in from the world, near the bleeding side of Jesus ? Despair this moment rushes over us ! Our only hope is that the Lord will call out from this people those who have a mind to work, who will in truth and honesty consecrate themselves and all they have to his cause, and will leave the body to their idols. Solemn thought ! In this way the lukewarm will be spued out of his mouth. J. W.

Meetings at Stony Creek, Mich.

WE arrived in this place the very day that Bro. Bates left, and continued our meetings for five successive days, much to our own encouragement, and we believe to the good of souls. A deep solemnity pervaded the meetings, and freedom was given to talk out the "great things of God's law" which seemed to fall upon good ground. Several decided to walk in the truth. One, Eld. Fisher, Baptist minister, who had heard the reasons of our faith for the first time from Bro. Bates, seemed to take a decided stand upon all the truth as far as he had heard.

Bro. Lawrence was made glad by seeing his wife and daughter come to a final decision, to cast in their lot with the remnant. Some in the church in that vicinity are evidently rising and beginning to hunger and thirst after righteousness; but Oh, how painful it was to see others who had professed the Sabbath for years, and had enjoyed great privileges in the truth, pass through all our interesting social meetings without once bearing testimony in favor of the truth. While others wept or rejoiced they seemed but little affected, and we could not resist the conviction that they were being spued out of the mouth of the faithful and true Witness. Oh, what a solemn moment! Some are heeding the counsel of Jesus, and making that "extra effort" to overcome, and others are drawing back to perdition.

O, ye professed children of God, do take warning 1 Do any of you feel more and more indifferent and stupid ? then be alarmed. Jesus has been a long time shut out. Beware lest your case be as described in Cant. v, 6. "I opened to my beloved: but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer."

The fatal moment has arrived, and it is now life or death. The decision that we now make is for eternity. We are sailors on the Ship Zion; and shall we stop to rest and take our ease in the midst of these perils? We are soldiers in the army of the remnant; and shall we sleep at our post in the heat of battle, before the victory is won? If we do we shall be reported and discharged; and when the victory is won we shall not be there.

A separation is taking place; the line is being drawn between those who really serve God, and those who serve him not; and this distinction becomes more and more apparent every day. O, how it does encourage me to meet with those who are engaged in the cause; who seem to be in earnest about obtaining salvation,

I would say to such, Go on, persevere and cease not to wrestle and pray till you sup with Jesus. And O, I would say as did Ruth of old, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to turn from following atter thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

Battle Creek, April 1st, 1858 M. E. CORNELL,

WILL SERVE THE LORD.

"AND if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; ..., hut as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua xxiv, 15.

Joshua had formed a character to himself remark. able for intrepidity and firmness, independence and truth. He had breasted the fury of popular tumult, had stood almost alone when threatened with death was firm in his fidelity to God when the multitude bade stone him and his companion (Caleb) with stones, because they persisted in giving a truthful report of the land. Num. xiv, 10. Joshua and Caleb alone of that generation lived to enter Canaan. All the congregation from twenty years old and upwards, were left in the wilderness, [Num. xiv, 26-39,] while these two faithful ones still survived, because that they. were firm in the eause of God and truth. when all the people were opposed. When truth was unpopular and odd, then Joshua dared to be singular, dared to be odd. Fearless of man he stood forth the champion of down-trodden truth, the advocate of right.

That was the very time to act with decision; the very time to win from God the approving smile, the time to stand up and prove his devotion to God and his cause, the golden opportunity, and he was disposed to improve it, and in so doing he won a place in the record of truth, side by side with prophets and apostles, and will be embalmed in the memory of the saints when time shall have passed away.

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Or he might have minced the matter a little, and might have taken a middle course, or by his silence have avoided the execrations of the multitude, and thus have drawn down the curse of God. But no ! The occasion called for decisive testimony, and he gave it. The people needed a rebuke and he administered it. The truth was trodden under foot, he rescued it. He stood the advocate of God, whose goodness and liberality were undervalued, whose grace was abused, whose love was slighted.

But the trait most prominent in the character of Joshua, is his adherence to truth in times when he stood almost alone; when all combined to draw him away from God; when his friends and associates were opposed.

Now if any one in this day of darkness is disposed to wait for the church to rise; if any have the idea that all must rise or no one can; if any are waiting for a tide to bear them up, to waft them onward; if any are laboring under the impression that by and by all will rise, and I will writ my time; let such an one contemplate the history and character of Joshua, reflect upon the manner in which his character was developed, and the means by which his eminence was reached, until he can say, Let others do as they may, I will serve the Lord. J. CLARKE.

FAITH AND FEELING

ARE two distinct and separate things, Faith is an exercise of the mind, while feeling is a state or condition of the mind. A person may feel well and very happy who has no faith, while the possessor of faith is often called to pass through many dark hours, many trials, and inward sorrow and anguish.

Good and happy feelings may result from outward circumstances, as success in life, the smile of love and friendship, pleasant scenery, the cheerful home circle, congenial pursuits, the smile of fortune, or advancement in fame or learning, or apparent usefulness, and all without a grain of faith.

Faith is an exercise of the renewed mind, and it is called forth by reason of doubt or uncertainty, and appears most beautiful and lovely when exhibited during times of trial.

Thus when Job had lost all earthly treasures at a blow, when in addition to these trials, his body was writhing in agony, and to crown all, God withdrew himself from him, then was the very time for Job to manifest his faith, and so he did: his wife advises him to curse God and die. He answers, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speakest. What! shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive eval ?

Here is the difference: Job exercised faith and acted accordingly, even in time of darkness and trial, while his wife was governed by her feelings. She might have heen exemplary in prosperity, happy in times of plenty, but not possessing faith, and being under the control of feelings, the trial was too heavy, and she rebelled against God, and counselled her husband to curse God. But Job was controlled by a higher principle. Faith unlocked to him a future reward. By faith he viewed the heavenly inheritance, and grasped for enduring riches; with such a faith what was pain or poverty to him.

As a reward for his faith so tried and tested, Job's prosperity returned. God was pleased with his faith because it stood the test of adversity. God honored Job because he was not under the influence of mere feeling, was not driven about by the winds of adversity and trial, but was governed by the law of God. Having faith he exercised it. When tossed upon the sea of trouble, when in darkness and doubt and uncertainty, God was his rock, his fortress and his tower of strength. J. CLABKE.

"SPEAK GENTLY TO THE ERRING."

SPEAK gently to the erring— Ye know not all the power With which the dark temptation came

In some unguarded hour: Ye may not know how earnestly They struggled, or how well. Until the hour of weakness came And sadly thus they felll

Speak gently to the erring— Oh! do not thou forget, However darkly stained by sin, He is thy brother yet. Heir of the self-same beritage, Ohild of the self-same God, He hath but stumbled in the path Thou hast in weakness trod,

Speak kindly to the erring— For is it not enough That innocence and peace are gone, Without thy censure rough? It surely is a weary lot That sin-crushed heart to bear; And they who shere a heavnier fate

And they who share a happier fate Their chidings well may spare.

Speak kindly to the erring— Thou yet may'st lead them back, With holy words, and tones of love, From misery's thorny track: Forget not thou hast often sinned, And sinful yet must be: Deal kindly with the erring one. As God hath dealt with thee.

[Fredrick George Lee. ----

To Our Enemis

Do you not believe in the necmance toward God, and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jetoward God, and faith in our Lord and Saviour Je-sus Christ in order that re may be saved from sin and its awful consequences? We do: and do you hate us for this? Do you believe that without holi-ness no man can see the Lord? We do: and do you hate us for this? Do you believe it to he right to obey the Lord in all things, and to keep all his com-mandments? We do: is this one cause of your ha-ter and the cariftme array of Cod me true to If with the assisting grace of God, we try to tred? tred ? If with the assisting grace of God, we try to love him with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves, knowing that Jesus tells us the truth when he says, (with regard to these principles,) "on these two hang all the law and the prophets," do we act right ? and do you hate us for it? The apostle James has told us, that with regard to the law, "if we offend in one point we are guilty of all." Because we dislike to offend our God in this matter, do you hate us? We are confident "that yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come and will not tarand he that shall come, will come and will not tar ry," and we wish to get ready to meet our God in peace; we believe, too, that when he does come. we should be able to say with joy, "Lo this is our God, we have waited for him." Do you hate us on this account? Do you hate us because we believe we are wholly dependant upon him who has said, "I am the resurrection and the life," for immortality beyond the grave? We have been in the world long enough the grave ? We have been in the world long enougn to be heartily sick of its sins and follies, and now we desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; where-fore God is not ashamed to be called our God, for he has prepared for us a city. We believe that before we enter the heavenly city, we must as a church, pos-sess more of the pure and undefiled religion of the gospel than is found in the popular churches. **Don't** hate us for this! If for these things you hate us, and feel disposed to point at us the finger of scorn, and delight in your position, which is the seat of the scoffer, then scoff on, shut up your churches against those who have the last message of mercy to a dying world-reject and despise God's holy law, trample world—reject and despise Gous noty raw, transfer upon his Sabbaths, in a word, gird on your armor, get ready all your weapons of war, and with the dragon for your leader, with all your might, fight against those who keep the Commandments of God and the Testimony of Jesus, but remember, that if we love the Lord, no weapon formed against us shall proceed. The betth is not acriss tu shut with the The battle is not against us, but with the hosts. Can you measure arms with him? prosper. The Lord of hosts. On whose side think you, will turn the victory ? W. S. Foote.

Pendleton, Ohio.

LETTERS, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

From Bro. Whitenack.

BRO. SMITH : The Review to me is a welcome vis itor, as I am alone in my weakness, having to con-tend with spiritual wickedness in high places. I am surrounded with so-called revivals, and thought fool-

ish and wicked for not joining with them to get my family and friends converted; but by the grace of God none of these move me from the Third Angel's Message. My sympathy is with the remnant. I do hope to share an interest in their prayers, for the hope to share an interest in their prayers, for the times are perilous, and we are beset on every side to leave the narrow way and walk in the ways of sin-ners that are breaking God's holy law. They sit in Moses' seat. "Whatsoever they bid you observe that observe and do, but do not ye after their works for they say and do not." All of them, even the Cath-olics, teach that sin is the transgression of the law ; but they herek the Schlett and teach atteach the but they break the Sabbath and teach others to do so. I heard one preach last week that told his hearso. I heard one preach last week that told his near-ers if they broke God's law ignorantly they were nevertheless guilty, and must suffer its penalty. I rose up to speak in vindication of the law, but he closed his meeting, not giving me the privilege. The Lord pity the blind leaders of the blind, is my prayer. When I think what God has done for me I tremble in view of the responsibility resting upon me. Pray for me.

In hope of eternal life.

J. WHITENACK, Painted Post, N. Y., March 22d, 1853.

From Bro. Hardesty.

BRO. SMITH; For the first time I would drop a few lines for the *Review*, and for the cncouragement of the saints of God. We are getting along here pretty well, about as strong (numerically) as when you last heard from us by other brethren, an'l I think making some growth in the grace and the knowledge of the present truth.

We have very strong opposition from our enemies, especially among the sects, but the Lord is more than a match for any or all of them, and we, in his strength, may and will overcome, and finally stand on mount Zion with the 144,000, and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb for ever and ever. It is some five months since I cast in my lot among

the Sahbath-keepers of this place, and I have no rea-son as yet to regret it, but find the present truth like pure gold, the more you ruh it, the brighter it shines. I preached among the Methodists some

shines. I preached among the Methodists some eighteen years, but am very glad my eyes were open-ed in time to see that I was in Babylon, and hear the cry, "Come out of her my people." In Ohio, the field is opening for the harvest, but the laborers are few. Let us pray dear brethren, that the Lord may send more laborers into his field. There is much to be done, and perhaps but little time to do it in. We are living in very solean times and it behoeves us to be up and doing with our and it behooves us to be up and doing with our might. E. G. HARDESTY.

P. S. I would just say that I have quit the use of tobacco, after having used it about twenty-five years. E. G. H.

Gilboa, Ohio, March 19th, 1858.

From Bro. Cady

BRO. SMITH : In the month of June last, I had the privilege of hearing on the subject of the Third An-gel's Message, in connection with the Sabbath, at the tent-meeting held in Mackford, by Brn. Hart. Everts, and Loughborough. When the truth was first preand Loughborough. When the truth was first pre-sented to my mind, I was enabled to see its force in a measure; but it was not until about three weeks after the meeting closed that the beauty of the pres-ent truth shone in upon my mind. I bless the Lord ent truth shone in upon my mind. I bless the Lord for his mercy in inclining my feet unto his testimo-nies. I can truly say, "The law of the Lord is per-fect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The jndgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More-over by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward." I feel like heeding the testimony of the faithful and true Witness, and opening my heart to the blessed Jesus. I want to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ that I may be prepared to enter the glorious kingdom which may be prepared to enter the glorious kingdom which is soon to come

There are but three Sabbath-keepers in this place There are but three Nabbath-keepers in this place. We do not have any meetings at present, but hope for better tunes to come. We feel very auxious that some of the lecturing brethren may come to this place and hold meetings with us. There are some who seem to be interested in the truth. May the great Head of the church give us his Spirit to direct us all in the way of duty, and through grace enable us to overcome at last, is my fervent prayer. Your unworthy brother.

P. H. CADY

Poysippi, Wis., March 19th. 1858.

From Bro. Rdwards.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: Being at Gilboa on husiness when Brn. Holt and Cornell were there

with the tent, I stopped to hear them a little while. When I had heard one discourse I wanted to hear When I had heard one discourse I wanted to hear another, and so I stopped and heard two dicours-es. Then I had to leave for home, but I took the Bible Student's Assistant with me, and went to the Bible alone for the truth. There I found the ten commandments which I had been taught were done away. When I found that the word of God could not be altered or changed, then I saw where I stood. I had, as I thought been traveling the road to heaven for eighteen years in the $\text{Tisc}(\rho)$ church, with I had, as I thought been traveling the road to dea-ven for eighteen years in the Tisciple church, with as good a conscience as Paul how then he trans going to Damascus to persecute the the transformer to be the transformer to be I thank God that I have seen the light at well as Paul. After I was convince that it was no, duty to keep the Sahbath, I made nown to my .urch, and they told me that they could not fellowship me if I would violate the first day of the week. Then I thought I had thrown myself out of a home. I wept and mourned, but at last the Lord made me to feel that I had a home in heaven.

O brethreu, what a comfort I found in God's word. I now found that there was a work for me to do. and told them that Christ was the head of the church, and told them that Christ was the head of the church, and man was the head of the family, and I wanted them to obev me. I told them that it was the Sabbath, and they must not do any work in it. They all looked sad, and my wife wept, and thought strange that I had changed my faith. I then commenced to preach to the people, and now through the blessing of God, eight heads of families have received the light, and are now meeting with me on the Sab-bath. We are persecuted, but thank the Lord we

bath. We are persecuted, but thank the Lord we are willing to bear personation for Christ's sake. Since then, in answer person wife has been brought to see and obey the cruth. Before I received the truth I was taught that the gifts, and even the Holy Ghost ceased with the apostles; but since I have examined the Bible for myself, I find the promhave examined the bible for myscal, I that the prom-ise yet remains in the church, and I thank God that I have full its power and effect. Sometimes I think I will not try to talk the truth to others any more, but the harvest is ripe and laborers few, and I must do what I can. When God's Spirit strives with me, for the abovies it direction. We God have me I feel like obeying its directions. May God help me so to do.

Yours in Christ. Shunk, Ohio March 22nd, 1858. S. E. EDWARDS.

Extracts from Letters!

Bro. A. Preston writes from Ceresco, Mich., March 22nd, 1858: "We are thankful that Brn. Frisbie and Waggoner ever came to this place. The work is still onward. The little church are trying to keep all the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus. The Spirit Last Sabbath we had a blessed meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was present with us, and we had a meltof the Lord was present with us, and we had a men-ing time. There was not a dry eye in the house. The Lord brought in a neighbor and converted her from the error of her ways. She has been made to rejoice in the love of God, and we were made to rejoice with her. The work is still moving. I think that this place is getting ripe for the truth of God? God."

Bro. I Sanborn writes from Jefferson Wis., March 16th 1858: "I have been absent from home twelve days, in which time I spoke eight times to large and attentive congregations at Hoosier Grove. At the days, in which time I spoke eight times to large and attentive congregations at Hoosier Grove. At the last meeting but one, two came out decided to keep the commandments of God. A number of others seem to be convinced of the truth. O that this last message may he made the power of God unto their salvation. From there I went to Spring Grove, and spoke three times to the same congregation that I had three weeks ago. At the last meeting, six arose, one after another and told the people that they had made np their minds to obey the truth if the Lord would help them. A number of others like Felix of old said 'Go thy way for this time, and when I have a help them. A number of others like Felix of old said, 'Go thy way for this time, and when I have a convenient season I will call for theo.' O Lord help convenient season I will call for thee.' O Lord help them to see that to-day is the day of salvation."

OBITUARY.

FELL asleep in Jesus in Lancaster, Mass., March 9th, 1858, of consumption, sister Jane Beaty, aged 22 years.

Our beloved sister embraced the present truth about Our beloved sister embraced the present truth about six years since, and for a time lived a consistent chris-tian; but after a while she became lukewarm, and finally so discouraged that she gave up her hope, feel-ing it was a reproach to the cause to profess what she did not possess, hut never losing her regard for the Sabbath of the Lord.

She continued thus until last Fall, when she c me

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to this place about the time of the conference held here, when she formed the resolution that she would once more strive to live a christian life. The work once more strive to have a commenced anew. We heard her of repentance was commenced anew. We heard her confessions, saw her tears, and felt the witness of Spirit that she was owned and blest of God, the Spirit that she was owned and blest of God, while we heard her praise him for his long-suffering and tender compassion towards her. Since that time she has been striving to overcome.

she has been a sufferer for years, and had a great dread of death; but as her prospect of eternal life brightened, this was all taken away, so that she en-tered the valley and shadow of death fearing no evil. The blessed hope sustained her, and she assured us the blessed hope sustained her, and she assured us all was well, hoped to sleep but a little while, and then come forth clothed in immortality.

me torth clothed in immortanty. "Sleep, dear sister, kind and tender, To friendship true; While with feeling hearts we render This tribute due."

M. L. P.

SELECTIONS.

(From the SABBATH RECORDER The Present Sabbath Agleation---Plain Talk.

It is known to most of our readers, that there has been for some time past considerable extra exertion been for some time past considerable carity at each time to promote and enforce the more general observance of the first day of the week, commonly called Sun-day, and by many called the Christian Sabbath. This movement was sustained by a meeting of one hundred clergymen at the Spingler Institute, and has since been followed up by the preaching of one hundred and has since sermons. and by divers meetings, resolutions, publi-cations, &c., in behalf of the measure. These gentlemen, in setting forth and claiming the religious observance of Sunday as part and training the rengious ob-servance of Sunday as part and parcel of the revealed law and requirement of the Bible, either directly or indirectly, or by implication, are guilty of misrepre-contation. men, so highly educated and extensively read as many of them are, can be so ignorant of the truth on this question. The conclusion can scarcely be resisted, that many of them knowingly acquiesce in the pro mulgation of a known error.

mulgation of a known error. These men, when the claims of the Bible Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, are urged upon their attention, dispose of them rather unceremoniously by calling the seventh day the Jewish Sabbath. The seventh day of the week is the Jewish Sab-bath just as much as, and no more than, the Bible account of the arceiton is a Jewish record - set the

account of the creation is a Jewish record-as the books of Moses are Jewish books. "Tis the Jewish Sabbath just as much as, and no more than-Moses, Joshua and Samuel were Jewish prophets and lawgivers-as David was the Jewish Psalmist-as Isaiah. Jeremiah and the other ancient prophets were Jew-ish prophets—as Jesus Christ was the Jewish Saish prophets—as Jesus Christ was the Jewish Sa-viour, and the twelve apostles were Jewish apostles In short, the seventh day of the week is the Jewish Sabbath just as much as the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Jewish Bible, or as Je-hovah or the God revealed in the Bible is the Jewish Old The seventh day Sabbath is next and proved The seventh-day Sabbath is part and parcel God. of the Bible. Its institution, observance, perpetuation and handing down to the present time is a me morial and monument of the creation and giving of the divine law, which the whole Christian world should tenacionally hold on to as a most precious tes-timony to the reality of the divine record. The strong tendency of the times is for all these things to louse their hold upon the memory and consideration of the world, and to be merged, obscured and forgotten in the general inundation of material progress, prosper-ity and change. Let Christians beware that they do not aid this materialistic and atheistic tendency. Sunday observance, on the other hand, is a memorial or anonument of the ancient heathen or pagan worship of the sun. It prevailed long before the Christian era. It was brought into the Christian church by era. It was brought more the constant output of the pagan converts. There is not a scrap of a text in the Bible to point out or support it as a Christian Sabbath. Some twenty-five or thirty years since, there was an effort similar to the present to promote the twenty of Sanday. At that time there was an error similar to the present to promote and enforce the observance of Sunday. At that time there was a reward offered through the New York papers of five hundred dollars for a single precept in the Bible in favor of the observance of the first day day of the week as a Sabbath-five hundred dollars for a single instance where Christ or the apostles cilled the first day of the week a Sabbath, and five hundred dollars for a single example of their ever having ob-served the first day of the week as a Sabbath. No one ever came forward to claim the reward, and the agitation in favor of Sunday observance was soon after in a great measure discontinued.

Follow after holiness, it will repay your pursuit.

Wide Relations of the Sabbath.

In an admirable discourse by President Hopkins, on "The Importance of the Sabbath to the purity and perpetuity of free institutions," he says: "The Sabbath is not, as many seem to suppose, an institution shift the concreted with the theorem.

institution slightly connected with the other arrange ments of God. It may seem so at first, but trace its connections and you will find it inseparably blending with all the arrangements of God for the elevation and well-being of man. Its law of rest is enstamped even upon the physical organization of all beings ca-pable of labor, whether of body or of mind, and in its simplicity and variety of adaptation, like the air, the light, and the water, it bears the evident impress of the hand of God. How simple, and yet, while it meets the wants of the exhausted animal, how evidently was it 'made for man' in all conditions and

in all his relations. "How perfectly is it adapted to the laboring man in the templations, to the his toil, to the young man in his temptations, business man in his perplexities, to the scholar in his exhausting process of thought, and to the statesman as bearing the burdens of public life! How is it as bearing the burdens of public life! How is it adapted to families, consecrating home, and giving opportunity for family instruction; how to commu-nities, as the individuals composing them are related at once to each other and to God, and as needing opportunity both for private and public devotion ! How does it blend the social and religious nature of man and fit him for a social heaven! How is it related to the Bible, as a book requiring study, and time to study! How does it connect man with the past, by constantly reminding him of that great event which it commemorates ; how with the future, by its glimps es and foretastes of that heaven which it typifes! Kept as God commanded, it would improve the in-dividual man, physically, intellectually, morally. In his social relations, it would secure purity and har-It would unite man, and all men to God. Surely whatever he may intend, he who fights against the Sabbath, fights against the best interests of his race, and against God himself."

The Slandered.

A venerable old man says, "Let the slanderer take comfort—it is only at fruit-trees that thieves throw stones."

The old man was right. Who ever saw thieves throw stones at the birch, maple, or elm tree? The more fruit the tree bears, and the richer it is, the more it is likely to attract the attention of the thief.

man that tries to do his duty to his fellows, and endeavors to live to bear the fruits of true re ligion in his daily conduct, can for a moment suppose that he will pass along through life without being slandered more or less. Such a man will of necessi ty have some enemies; and these enemies will try in every way to injure him, and, among others, they will not be slow in stirring up the polluted waters o defamation and slander.

A man who has no enemies is merely a milk-and-ater nothing. We would not give three figs for water nothing. such a man.

He who is anything, who makes a mark in the world, who does good, will have encuise; and, if he have them, he will be sure to be slandered.

What is Said of Us.

THE London Freeman, the able organ of the English Baptists, in summing up the events of the past year has the following severe remarks on republican Who will say they are not TRUE ? America.

"The election of Mr. Buchanan was a great triumph of the worst of causes; of slavery and slave holders over Christianity and Christian churches and it was gained by the defection of the great Qua ker State, Pennsylvania, from the principles of its founder! America is the most degraded, at present, morally and religiously, of all free and Protestant countries. It is the reproach of Evangelical chris-tendom. Her slaveholders defy both God and man and the freemen of the free States sacrifice their own political freedom and the personal rights of the negro to a low and noisy political party is the United States are to us a greater grief than Heathendom and Popery, for the names of Christianity and Protestantism, of civil and religious liberty, are blasphened through them. Oh, that the free States may burst their fetters, get rid of the accursed thing, and join the mother country in heading the march of chris-tianity and civilization !"-Sel.

ous thought may be packed into a small compassmade as solid as a cannon ball, and, like that projec-tile, cut down all before it. Short articles are generally more effective, find more readers, and are more widely copied than long ones. Pack your thoughts close together, and though your article may be brief, it will have weight, and be more likely to make an impression. "'Ye who write for this busy age,' says a late

writer, 'speak quick: use short sentences, never stop the reader with a long ambiguous word, but let the stream of thought flow right on, and men will drink it like water." - Sel.

Love to Christ

Nor only the flowers unfold their petals to receive the light—the heart of man also has a power of ex-pansion. It is love which opens it and expands it, so that the rays of the spiritual sun may penetrate and illumine it. The christian, in the work of selfand illumine it. examination, need not direct his attention to many points; it is included in the daily question-How is it with my love to Christ? That love to him is of it with my love to Christ? That love to him is of great importance, we must confess, since he, in truth, requires of us an affection for his own person, such as no one else ever claimed. O thou must be more than father and mother, than brother and sister, else how couldst thou, the lowliest among the children of men, lay claim to such superabundant love? Since I have believed in thy word, all my desire has been to love thee. I will not cease to love thee, until thou art dearer to me than father, mother, and brother! If they deny thee, if they revile thee-what is so dreadful as to see one's father and mother reviled at our side—but more than when they reproach father and mother, shall thy reproaches, thy wrongs go to my heart.- Tholuck.

Precious Promises,

THERE is not a promise more true, or more encouraging to the christian, than that proclaimed by Paul to the church at Rome-" All things work together for good to them that love Goa." Not a single event, whether apparently propitions or adverse-no calamity, no sickness, no affliction, but shall work-and they shall all work together-for the good of that man or woman who loves God.

It is true that the afflictions and trials of the righteous are often many and grievous, while with the ungodly it is not so; they seem not in trouble like oth-er men; but beneath the surface, beyond the reach of our vision, God assures us there is a secret history being written-angels are the historians, and in the archives of heaven are the histories. Both for a sea-son may be tossed upon the billows of life's troubled but let each cast out his fathom-line, and the ocean : one shall soon make his sounding, while the other shall lengthen and lengthen and lengthen, finding no resting-place.

If prosperity were the test of God's love, and happiness in this world the only good. Paul's language would be inexplicable. Abraham, who is the type of every christian, being called, went out, not knowing whither he went, wandering in a strange country; but his faith taught him to look tor "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

If God sometimes surrounds his child with dark-ness, it is not all dark about him. In, through the gold-fringed clouds, there comes a gleam of sunlight that sends more joy to the heart than floods of sunthat sends more joy to the heart than *noous* of sent shine, for it is the Shekinah of God's presence, and the token of his unforgetful love. Though sometimes he may be led to say, "All these things are against me—there is no sorrow like unto my sorrow," God may take away his little "Agnes." whose haby-life may take away his little "Agnes." whose haby-life had interwoven itself into the very fibres of his own here we have not the term of the set of his own being—in an hour his heart and home may be made desolate; yet when the night of sorrow has passed away, and the bitterness of grief subsided, he shall bless God for the golden chain that binds his soul to be area. A denovity blica a strang more area of the bees God for the golden chain that binds his soul to heaven. Adversity, like a strong man armed, may to day strip him of his earthly all; yet he will sav, "the Lord lent it to me for a while, and now he has taken it to lend to another." Sickness may over-take him on his journey toward the celestial city, his eye become dimmed, his form bent, and his once stal-wart frame tremble for very feebleness; yet the pa-tient sufferer shall look up in the face of his Father and exclaim, "all things shall work together for good to them that love God." Paul closes up this whole matter, when exultingly he exclaims, "but we glory in tribulations also," knowing that "tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and expe-PACKING THOUGHT—" Do not assume that, be-the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the cause yon have someting important to communicate. Holy Spirit, which is given unto us."—Moore's Ru-it is necessary to write a long article. A tremendu-' ral New Yorker.

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Meetings in Oakland Co., Mich.,

COMMENCED according to appointment on the 13th inst in Shelby. A goodly number of the brethren from the, surrounding region came together on the Sabbath, many of whom we had never seen before. We had much freedom in proclaiming the present truth to them, and hope it will not soon be ont of mind. Bro. Cornell could not meet with us as we expected. He and Bro. Lawrence were protracting their meeting at Tyrone, and did not arrive until we had closed our labors.

We held three meetings on First-day and eveaing, in the Baptist meeting-house at Stony Creek. Among others, a Baptist minister of the place attended and became much interested in our position, and at our last meeting in Shelby on Monday evening he declared himself fully in the belief of the Sabbath of the Lord, and all the message as far as he understood it. Another person also became much interested. At the close of our meetings three were baptized. Brn. Cornell and Lawrence de-signed holding meetings in the vicinity over another Joseph Barnes. Ogsdenburgh, N. Y., March 19th, 1858. Sabbath.

"Render therefore to all, their dues." Rom. xlii, 7.

During the past three or four years, in several instancos, brethren have taken books from the messengers. promising to pay them in a short time, and they have heard nothing from them since. If they have forgotten it, we trust that this friendly hint, together with the reproving Spirit, may bring it to their rememberance. We vould assure you dear friends, these debts are not forgiven and will not be, until at least you manifest feeling enough in regard to it to write to us, or in some way inform us why you do not cancel so sacred an obligation. We must make our returns to the publishing office. Their repeated calls, together with the continual wants of our families, have hitherto rendered it impossible to forget these little dues.

Messengers must sacrifice their worldly interests, and wear out their very lives in ministering in spiritual thiags, and it is all right; we complain not; and if necessary, minister also in carnal things, even to those who are less needy than ourselves, but it would at least be some relief to hear from them. M. E. CORNELL.

From Bro. Lawrence

BRO. SMITH: I have lately returned from a two weeks tour, mostly in Essex Co. The tears and expressions of several, evinced increasing interest in that region. I still think the truth will reach hearts in that section. In Stin think the train will reach dearts in that section. In Kene, over one bundred catae out for the first time to bear on the present truth, and were like the "Bere-ans" of old, bought books, and voted in favor of further effort. Such a "hedge" is not always found even in hill countries. I hope soon to visit that region again in company with others. My observation and experience this Winter in four counties, bas confirmed me in the conthis Winter in four counties, bas confirmed me in the con-viction, that more can now be done in new fields with publications, than we as a people are doing. I would like to express my conviction also, that we are now near the point, where those, unwilling to suffer with the remnant, will be left to go back and be excused, if they desire it, just as many were in the two first invitations. Luke xiv, 17-24 There are a few in nearly all the churches I visited this Winter, who for months have been nwilling to help themselves in God's revealed way, and the faith and labor of the more active portion of the church in their behalf seems to be nearly over. I can but endorse as my own view, under such circumstances, but endorse as my own view, under such circumstances, the remark of Bro. A. S. Hutchins, in *Review*, No. 16.

Lord spare thy people is my prayer. In hope. 1 W. Bangor, N Y., March 8th, 1858, H. W. LAWBENCE.

Tenth Anniversary of Spiritualism.

Mr J B Chandler, of Concord, N. H., suggests the propriety of an appropriate observance of the Unity-first day of the present month, (March,) as the "tenth anniary of successful sciematic Intercourse between the

inhabitants of our world and those of the spirit-realm. It will be recollected that it was on the night of the It of March, 1845, that the discovery was first made by the Pox family at Hydesville, N. Y., that the mysterious noises which had for some time disturbed them were

noises which had for some time disturbed them were produced by an infelligent cause, and could be made the medium of communication—from which as a starting point, the whole Spiritualistic movement has proceeded. If Spiritualistic desire to fix upon any commemorative is a some of the kind, thus surely is an appropriate one; in i we have no doubt it will be widely and juyfully a served to the future.—Solitual Acc. served in the future. - Spiritual Age.

We are about publishing a Supplement to our Hymn Book. Hymn Book. Those who have good hymne and choice music which they wish inserted will do well to send immediately.

The third edition of the Bible Student's Assistant is exhausted, and we shall publish the fourth soon.

APPOINTMENTS.

General Conferences

PROVIDENCE permitting, there will be a General Con-ference at Battle Creek, to commence May 21st, at 2 o'clock P. M. This meeting is designed for a general gathering of those who have an interest in the cause, and who wish to come to worship God, and learn their duty at this solemn crisis. We shall be happy to see brethren from other States at this Conference.

In behalf of the Church at Battle Creek.

JAMES WHITE, J. N. LOUGHBOAOUGH, J. B. FEISBIN, Committee.

Eastern Tent Couference.

THERE will be a husiness meeting of the brethren in New England, in the town of Roxbury, Vt., on the 3d and 4th days of the week, the 20th and 21st days of April next. The object of this meeting is not to call in a large pro-

nisouous assembly of brother and sisters, to worship in the usual reanner of conferences; but to consider the tent enterprise in New England the ensuing Summer,

and make arrangements for the same. The invitation is therefore extended to the business, enterprising brothren, who take an interest in this cause, and have means to help it forward, and also to all such brethren as the respective churches of New England may STEPHEN PIERCE. appoint as delegates. E. L. BARR

P. S. Brethren from the south by cars, by taking the earliest morning trains from Mass. and N. H., will reach Roxbury about six o'clock \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x} , same day. Brethren from the north should also be particular and take the morning train, as it is the only train through Roxbury the same day. By this they reach Roxbury at 10 A. M. in season to commence the conference. S. P. E. L. B.

Roxbury, March 22d, 1858.

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