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And a sacred place is the nouse of piayer.

Tis a place of peace and a place of rest,
And of all the earth this place is the best;
Here we feast on love and abound in joy—
Our hearts beat with hope and our tongues we
employ
In the praise of him who came to save
From the guilt of sin, and the power of the grave,
His love and truth we here declare,
And we love to pray in the house of prayer.

Here the meek and lowly in heart agree
To raise the voice while they bend the knee.
And gentle showers of grace distil,
Our hearts to cheer, our souls to fill.
Let the vain and proud this place pass by—
Let them scorn the thought to linger nigh;
But I love it, I love it, and will declare
That there is no place like the house of prayer.

No place like this beneath the sun;
But there'll be a place in the world to come,
Where the wicked will not trouble the blest,
Where the weary soul will forever rest,
Where the prayer of faith finds its great reward,
And the faithful ones will be with the Lord;
But until my soul shall enter there,
Let me still delight in the house of prayer. -Selected.

Doctrine.

W. C. LONG.

In the Scriptures we read of 'good doctrine, 'godly doctrine,' 'sound doctrine,' and the 'doctrine of the Lord.' Likewise the 'doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees;' 'doctrines of devils,' 'doctrines of men,' 'new doc trine,' and 'strange doctrine.' God has a doctrine, and devils have a doctrine.

bible teaching, in their blind credulity saved who discards doctrine, and regards to saved who discards doctrine. By noting the I shall speak to you either by revelation find fault with us for preaching doctrine. Of no practical inportance. By noting the I shall speak to you either by revelation "Give you have been saved as a saved who discards doctrine as a sa "Give us more practical preaching." "No many texts where the word occurs in the Old or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by

matter what a man believes, only so he is and New Testament, we will get a correct unsincere." "If one thinks he is right he is derstanding of the matter. In Ps. 19: 6, we knowledge, and feeling to a proper under- to this reading, doctrine has converting powstanding of God's word. But is ignorance a er. Well, ought we not to preach converman with his business. He believes him to trines. be strictly honest. He is sincere in the belief; but will that save him? No. The dishonest man cheats him out of his money and the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees, leaves him a bankrupt. A pure woman reher love and affection at the marriage altar. distance in front were our men; acting on I was sincere; but to my surprise and sorrrow I found them to be the enemy; and in consequence, suffered pain from a wound received

Persons will say in the last day, "Lord, Lord!" and tell of their great works. They are sincere; but they must hear the word "depart." Christ never knew them.

The wise man has said, "There is a way "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," Hosea 4:6.

Sospel preaching. Many apparently well ing, is clearly brought out in the Scriptures; takes hold of the heart. meaning persons who have but crude ideas and we have yet to learn that a person can be with tongues what shall I of Bible teaching, in their blind credulity saved who discards doctrine, and regards it as with tongues, what shall I profit you, except

right," is the cry of this age. Thus ignorance is preferable to intelligence, sincerity to justification for sin? We may be grossly ig- sion? Certainly. Can we do this and not norant and yet held accountable before a just preach doctrine? Evidently not. Forsake God, and condemned by the moral or spirit- ye not my law." Isa. 28:9—"Whom shall ual law. Let us look at a few analogous il- he teach knowledge, and whom shall he lustrations. A man has confidence in his in make to understand doctrine ?" We have the ventions. He thinks he can fly off like a answer in the 10th v. "By presenting the bird. He is sincere; announces the time of word of truth they were taught doctrine. trial; ascends a pinnacle, starts to fly, falls Isa. 53:1-"Who hath believed our report?" to the ground a mangled corpse, and is taken (margin, doctrine). The prophet is speaking up dead. What is the matter? Why, he vi- of the work of Christ-of his sufferings-the olated natural law. The law of gravitation- report of which is part of the doctrine to be attraction-in which heavy matter falls to believed. "And it came to pass when Jesus the ground. He was sincere, but his sincer- had made an end of these sayings, the peoity did not save him. 'A whole family in ple were astonished at his doctrine," Matt. 7: New Jersey was poisoned by eating toadstools, 28. Here the teachings, exhortations, and which they sincerely believed to be mush- observations of Christ in reference to being rooms; they did it ignorantly, yet they had meek, peace-makers, enduring persecutions, to suffer for it. A man trusts a dishonest letting our light shine, &c., are called doc-

We pass to the Savior's language in Matt 16: 12, where he cautions them to beware of and the same warning might be applicable poses confidence in a villian. She plights to those who are teaching doctrines equally her love and affection at the marriage altar. as untenable. "When the multitude heard She is sincere, but soon finds that he is a this they were astonished at his doctrine," The writer, during the war, and Matt. 22: 33. The kingdom and resurrection while in battle, thought that the men a short properly taught at that age caused astonishment; we see the same to-day. He was this impression, I decided to overtake them. feared by the Scribes and chief, priests because the people were astonished at his doctrine. Mark 11: 18.

The parables of Christ were doctrinal, Mark 4: 2; Luke 4: 32. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of his doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my-self," John 7:17. We can have positive knowledge, and easily detect unsound docthat seemeth right unto a man, but the end trine, if we comply with the above instructhereof is the ways of death," Prov. 16: 25. tinued in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship. Would it not be well to do so now? Pilate struck the key note when he asked, When Paul preached at Athens, Acts 17: 19, What is truth! "Thy word is truth." Christ the doctrine which he preached was called prayed that men might be sanctified through new. It was regarded new then, and after the truth. Falsehood damns; truth blesses. being preached over eighteen hundred years Falsehood brings bonds and shackles; truth it is still new. Rom. 6:17—"But God be makes free. Truth is what saves; not sincer thanked that ye were the servants of sin; but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of The utility of doctrine and doctrinal preach doctrine which was delivered you." Doctrine

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and he severely denounces those who will not tobacco does? And I am sure many of them consent to wholesome words, even to the would be less offensive, and produce better doctrine which is according to godliness, 1 effects as to the cure of disseas Tim. 6: 3. He likewise says, that "all Scrip ture is profitable for doctrine," 2 Tim. 3: 16 In his last and most solemn charge to Timothy he speaks of "sound doctrine," and says that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gain sayers;" Titus 1: 9, and in chapter 20, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.

In contrast we have "wind of doctrine," Eph. 4: 14; and "strange doctrine," Heb. 13:9, which we are warned against. These copi ous readings are to illustrate the importance of doctrine, and should be heeded, taught, believed, and practiced.

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Tobacco.

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any other who are in perfect health, to practice the common smoking and chewing of tobacco, it being an herb endued with extreme qualities; and all such things ought to be those whose predominant qualities stand in and operation of each thing, and then they will certainly find the truth of what is mentioned before. The virtue of tobacco, taken in pipes, is extracted from the smoke there-Now smoke is unnatural to nature, and a fulsome steam, or vapor, full of dark sulphurous excrements, which the fire and light al real virtue. It contains a gr sser humidity, and a fierce keen quality, very prenicious to the pure spirit; for smoke proceeds from the poisionous juices and liquor which the fire and air separates and casts forth, it being a

doctrine," 1 Cor. 15:6; which proves that smoke and chew tobacco become very un-No-pleasant to those who do not use the weed? tice, Paul, in his charge to Timothy, (1st 1; 3), when he instructs him to charge to Timothy, and does not the smoking of it so defile the when he instructs him to charge some to the smoking of it so define the when he instructs him to charge some to teach no other destring in the 9th and 10th when he instructs him to charge some to teach no other doctrine; in the 9th and 10th one hath been that uses tobacco? they leave one hath been that uses tobacco? also charges him to give attention to doctrine, or most of our English herbs, when burned, send forth a far better scent, or fume, than

When any herb, wood, or other thing is set on fire, you may presently perceive by the scent what quality is therein predominant, for the fire powerfully awakens all the hidden time would come when men would qualities which could not be perceived whilst not endure it, but turn away their ears, 2 the thing remained entire. If the chief qual-Tim. 4: 3. To Titus he says, "Holding fast ity of the herb or thing burnt stands in the the faithful words as he hath been taught, friendly nature, then it sends forth and is manifested by two qualities; viz., a most pleasant sweet smell or vapor, cheering and delightsome to the senses; and also it sends forth a burthensome fume or vapor, which incorporates itself with the air, and flies away in a smoke or steam which is from the poisonous root, the original of every life. But on the contrary, if you burn any herb or any thing, the predominant quality whereof stands in the martial or saturnine poisons, then all such things also send forth two qualities: viz., a very unpleasant scent or fume, offen sive and burthensome to nature, dulling the pure spirits, and, as it were, suffocating the pleasant thin vapors of the air, and also it sends forth a gross humid poisonous matter I dare, from reason and the testimony of that incorporates itself with the thickest experience, affirm, that it is absurd and part of the air, and evaporates in smoke; for against nature, for either young people, or if there lies hid any virtue or vice in anything fire will unlock all the gates and discover it; and if there be any aromatic or balsamic virtue in the herbs or vegetables so burnt, it will appear by sending forth odoriforous and cautiously taken into the body. I would pleasant smells; as on the contrary, ill smells have every one consider the possibility of are an evident testimony of saturnine and nature in all such unequal things, especially martial poisons being predominant, which is the very nature of tobacco; and therefore the high poisions, and to observe the nature not to be so wantonly used as commonly it is.

Lastly, I would not have people imagine that there is no more virtue in tobacco, because the fumes and smoke of it will open and loosen, for it is the nature of all smoke to open, being of a fierce, keen penetrating quality that arises from the original poisons in nature, whence it has also a sharp, fierce, casts forth, as an abomination, being void of humid quality that is exceedingly offensive to the eye, like the fumes that onions send forth when cut. We must likewise note, that when tobacco was first brought into England, it was ten fold more offensive to the takers thereof than it is now, because their forething that all people endeavor to avoid; and fathers were not acquainted with the use of how inimical it is to nature, is further manilit, so that they could not entail any desire of fested by that black sooty substance which it on their posterity; for the children that it leaves behind it, and by its destroying are begotten by persons that have accustomed

such foundations for an inclination thereunto in the very radix of their children that it would prove a very difficult thing for them to refrain therefrom. So that every succeed. to retrain the easily and familiarly, and mg age dour into the less difficulty, receive these evil customs and habits, till in time they almost become natural, and thence human nature in general becomes weakened and decayed, and diseases come into the world with children as part of their essence, and scurvys and other diseases become almost universal; and all this for the want of temperance and discretion in their pregenitors. A sad inheritance to leave our offsprings, when we bequeath them our follies and entail upon them miseries that are but the just punishment and natural consequences of them.

Now, brethren and sisters, just look what a picture you have before you. All this chewing, smoking and spitting, is entirely uncalled for. The appetite that you have for a chew of tobacco, or the pipe filled with the weed and set on fire, is an unnatural and a counterfeit appetite. Now, just let us see if the contracting and feeding and cultivating of this unnatural and counterfeit appetite at such an expense is justifiable in the sight of God, and in harmony with his word. all that we do is to be done to the glory of our Creator. Now, I ask, where and how and by what means does our heavenly Father realize glory in this chewing, smoking, and spitting practice? Now, I look at this chewing and smoking of tobacco, as well as all other evil practices, as detrimental and injurious to our religion or spiritual wellfare, and as clogs to the cause that we profess to be enlisted in; and, really, some of us occupying the position of recruiting officers, pointing out to the world their sins. I say, look at this thing and examine the subject by the single rule of the Bible. I have not written this to hurt any brother or sister's feeling. No, by no means; but for the purpose of attracting your attention to the subject. I chewed and smoked tobacco for 45 years of my life, and I know something about it. I have not had a chew of tobacco in my mouth for nine years this winter, and have not smoked a pipe for about three years, and I feel as though the Lord had given me the victory over the weed entirely.

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"IN THAT DAY YE SHALL ASK ME NOTHING." -Some take this to mean that since the ascension we are not to pray to Christ but only to the Father. Two reasons show this to be wrong. First, the apostles prayed to Christ, as we believe under inspiration. Stephen's last prayer was addressed to the Lord Jesus. (Acts 7: 59, 60.) Secondly, the word 'asked' in this place (John 16: 23) is not the same regetation; for it contains two poisonous qualities, a strong bitter one and a fulsome natural things, contract a kind of insensible affinity with such things as proceeding from the like matter and essences, so that there. astringent one. Its black color shows that astringent one. Its black color shows that its predominant qualities are from a venius predominant qualities are from a venius center; and hence, when tobacco is burned, it sends forth a strong fulsome scent or smell, offensive to most that cannot use it, anay, does not the very breath of those who parents live much on flesh or fish, do lay Names, Offices, Titles, Names, Applied in Hission, Applied in to Jesus Cl

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The glory full of truth, John 1; 14. The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, john 1; 14. One possessed of a glorious body, Phil. 3; 21. The Lord of glory, Jas. 2; 1. 1 Cor. 2; 8. The consolation of Israel, Luke 2; 25 The rose of Sharon, Songs of Sol. 2; I. The lilly of the valley, Songs of Sol. 2; 1. One altogether lovely, Songs of Sol. 5; 16. The bridegroom, Matt. 25; 10. An ensign of the people, Isa. 11; 10. My standard set up to the people, Isa. 49; 22. A covenant of the people, Isa. 42; 6. 49; 8. One faithful to him that appointed him, Heb. 3;2. The faithful witness, Rev. 1; 15. 3; 14. A witness to the people, Isa. 55; 4. The true witness, Rev. 3; 14. Him that is true, 1 John 5; 20. He that is true, Rev. 3; 7. The truth, John. 14; 6. True, Rev. 19; 11. Light, John 12; 36. The light, John 1; 5 That light, John 1; 8. The dayspring from on high, Luke 1; 78; compare Matt. 4: 16. The light that is sprung up, Matt 4: 16. The light that shined, Isa 9 The light that shined in darkness, John 1; 5. Thy light that is come, Isa 60; 1. A light into the world, John 12; 46. Great light, Matt 4; 16. A great light, Isa 9; 2. A giver of light to those that sit in darkness, Luke 1: 79. A light of the Gentiles, Isa 42, 6; Acts 14, 47. A light to the Gentiles, Isa. 49: 6. A light to lighten the Gentiles, Luke 2: 32. [To be Continued.]

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"Sabbath Points."

[Continued.] His New Testament supersedes the Mosaic law, Sabbath and all. Matt. 5; Rom. 7.5; 16; 6; Col. 2; 6.

This point which the correspondent in the Restitution urges against the Sabbath is altogether a mere assumption, and if carried out, our oppenents will not allow; for to supersede not only means to come after but also to take the place of; so if the New Testament supersedes the Old Testament, as some say, then there would be no further use for the Old Testament. What is properly understood by the Mosaic law we believe to be the laws and regulations concerning the system of sacrifices and offerings of the Israelites, the sacrifices pointing forward as type to Christ as the great and all-availing Sacrifice who could take away sin; the Mosaic law also included the Judicial laws of the Israelites as a nation, for their civil government, God being their acknowledged head and ruler, who therefore should give them their governmental rules for their national management, and Moses was the mediator through whom God communicated his laws. his covenants, and his wishes to them. it is presumption to say that the Sabbath was a part of that law, for it was before Moses, and was instituted before sin entered the world, hence before there was any ceremonial or sacrificial law, and before the Savior was promised; hence it could not be superseded by the atoning work of Christ, with which work it in no wise stood connected. It was one of the pure and holy institutions of the Creator, to help man to love and reverence his Father; and after the fall and the inclination people have to sin, it aids them to draw near to him; and in observing his memorial of creation men will remember him, preserve him in their knowledge, and be kept from infidelity and lawlessness. Matt 5 does not tell us that the New Testament superseded any law, but in that chapter Jesus says that he came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. He fulfilled it by his obedi ence and observance. The law of sacrifice he obeyed by himself becoming the sacrifice for sin, and making the atonement with God The law of God for the sins of the world. which we call moral, which includes the Sab bath, and is eternal in its nature and obliga tions, he fulfilled the same as any other intel ligent creature of God does, by giving it a cheerful obedience; though his was the most perfect obedience, for his life was perfectly sinless.

The writer of these "Points against the

not have chosen Rom. 7: 5, for it has no reference to the Sabbath, or to the Mosaic law, but, taken in connection with the next verse, a contrast is drawn between the condition of 1:8; Rom. 10:11; John 17:11, 21; John 20:30 men while in sin, and after conversion. "The men while in sin, and after conversion." My Savior and my God, 1 John-5:20.

My Savior and my God, 1 John-5:20. motions of sin," are known by the law, for "by the law is the knowledge of sin," and if there is no law there is nothing to define sin, and no knowing when a thing is sin. To be delivered from the law, Rom. 7:6, is to receive pardon for the transgression of the law, and to live afterward according to its precepts, in which case the law would have no more dominion over the individual, for where pardon is there is condemnation no longer. Rom. 14:6 is not testimony against Sabbath keeping. These No-Sabbath people delight in taking passages from their connection, and if the words "law" or "day," occur in them, they claim them as evidence against the Sabbath. In this place the days spoken of are mentioned in connection with eating and drinking, plainly showing the days to be festival days, of which the memorial of creation was not one. On Col. 2:6 the writer must have mistook his reference. It refers to remaining steadfast in Christ; but it is the object of these Sabbath opposers to array the following of Christ against the keeping of the Sabbath. They might as well array the Christian religion against the first commandment, which enjoins the worship of God instead of false gods, as to array it against the fourth commandment, which teaches the keeping of his memorial day.

9. Jesus never commanded any body to keep the Sabbath.

9. They try to make a point against the Sabbath by saying that Jesus never commanded the keeping of the Sabbath. Will they show us what Jesus ever commanded his disciples to do except "to love one another?" and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper? Reader, do not forget that there is one Law-giver, who is God, and who gives us wise and righteous laws. James 4:12. The work of Jesus was that of medi ator instead of a law giver. The Father's broken laws required a mediator in order for man to stand before God. As mediator Jesus becomes life-giver instead of a law-giver. Why should the work of Jesus contravene his Father's laws, or supersede them? What is there in the work of pardon that ever requires the abolition of law for pardon to take effect ?

10. None of his apostles ever commanded any body to keep the Sabbath.

10. Will our opponents show us where the apostles ever issued commandments? As ambassadors of Jesus it was their business to carry the news of salvation to God through the Redeemer, without assuming to enact laws; and to raise such questions does not comport with the bearing that should characterize the disciples of Jesus.

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Questions and Answers.

ADVOCATE: Isa. 9: 9-15; Tim. 3: 16; Ps. 45: 7,8; Philip. 2: 6; Rev. 19: 16; John 1: 1-3; Luke 1; Philip. 2: 6; Rev. 19: 16; 50; Rev. 1: 8; Isa. 46, 47; Matt. 1: 25; 1 John 5: 20; Rev. 1: 8; Isa. 48: 6; Prov. 8: 1-36; Ps. 33: 6; Col. 1: 16; Heb. 23: 6; Prov. 8: 1-36; Ps. 33: 6; Col. 1: 16; Heb. 1: 8; Rom. 10: 11; John 17: 11, 21; John 20: 28, Mr. Segiarandamy God. 1 John 5: 20.

6. John 1: 1-3. The word of God is that which he speaks, and here means the same as his word in other Scripture passages; as Heb. 11:3, "The worlds were framed by the word of God," and 2 Peter 3:5, "By the word of God the heavens were [framed] of old." Here, in John 1: 1-3, the word of God was not in reference to the creation of the was not in released world, but to the promise of a Redeemer, Gen. 3: 15, The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. That word of promise was now realized, and accordingly it was verified in Jesus being born into the world and entering upon his work. "All things were made by him"—by God, as the record of creation, and every reference to it He spake the word and it was done

7. Luke 1: 46, 47. Mary gives praise to the Lord and rejoices in God her Savior. God, the Father, is our Savior, in having provided us with a Savior, even giving his beloved Son as the means, or the one through whom we may have salvation. God is here called the Savior the same as he is called the redeemer in Isa. 43rd and 44th chapters.

8. Matt. 1: 25 is part of the narration of Jesus' miraculous birth; the words of this verse plainly saying that Jesus was not the son of Joseph; he was the son of Mary, begotten of God by the Holy Spirit, or through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In John 5: 20 the language is somewhat obscure by the reference first to the Son of God, and afterward saying, "We are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ," with no antecedent for the pronoun The Emphatic Diaglott reading of this text is plainer: "And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us discernment, that we might know the true one; and we are in the true one, by his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and the everlasting life." Here there is a distinction between Father and Som. The knowledge of the true God is used in contrast with false gods; and in the first century of the gospel there was of necessity much contention with the worshippers of false gods, and the apostles

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10. Rev. 1:8. The question of this text doubtless is whether the language applies to the Father or to the Son. We think it applies to the Son, because this book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, and other texts of the same language refer to him as risen from the dead. Alpha (first Greek letter) the beginning. The beginning, without saying what of, may refer to different things, as John 16: 4, where Jesus refers his disciples to the beginning of his ministry. Isa. 1: 26, The writer of these "Points against the Sabbath" was over solicitous to make out his number and apply references, or he would as to give your idea of the following texts in the of the restoration of Israel as at the beginning of their nationality. In Col. 1: 18 Jesus is

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The answer to the last questions involve the question of the pre-existence of Christ, and we have answered according to what we We are sorry that believe to be the truth. any one should think that to deny the preexistence of Christ would make one spiritual, or render them less able to labor for the name of Christ and his coming kingdom; and we cannot think such is the case Neither do those who deny that doctrine have any less exalted ideas of the Son of God, or of his divinity. Because he is the Son of God he is divine; and we adore the riches of divine grace, and the mercies of the great God, who has provided us so great and

so rich a salvation.

Questions and Answers.

A. F. DUGGER.

"Can those who make a profession of re-ligon and then turn back be reclaimed? If so, how are we to understand Paul's language in Heb. 6, where he says, For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good word of God, and the pow-ers of the world to come, if they shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance; away to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of seeing they crucify to themselves are seeing they crucify to themselves the son of seeing they crucify to themselves. God afresh and put him to an open shame?"
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H. M. WHITE.

othe beginning, the first-born from the for of them Paul says that "they had tasted He also objected, and requested Moses to for of the road word of the road w that is, the beginning of the new crethat is, the beginning of the good word of God," which I understand bid them; but Moses replied and said, "En-

thoro'ly furnished. This Spirit power was "Holy Spirit." They were guided, directed, upon and moved the prophets and apostles, 2 and instructed by its direct influence and Pet. 1: 21; 2 Thess. 1:5. They did not have to teachings. So were others beside the senators think, premeditate, and study, as we have to do for the Help of Israel, prophets of God, and the apostles do, for the Holy Spirit taught them and of the Lamb. They were supernaturally enguided them into all truth, John 14:26;16: dowed for various purposes, which we have 13. In Mark 13: 11, our Savior says, "But neither time nor space to note. The end is the end of the restitution age, when they shall lead you and deliver you when earth shall be restored to what it was up take no thought beforehand what ye shall before sin entered it. This is what Jesus is speak, neither do ye premeditate, but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour that hands, is evident from the 10th and 19th speak ye, for it is not ye that speak, but the ascension he said, "All power is given Holy Spirit." How absurd for teachers to apply this text of Scripture to professors of this age. Yet many ministers make just such of the "world to come;" that is, they had an application of it. Such an exposition is experienced the workings of the power of King of kings and Lord of lords, and reigns evil in its tendencies, from the fact that it the Father and of the Son in their own phystian. The Holy Spirit does not think and Some were resurrected from the dead out of contradicts the experience of every Chrisspeak for us of this age: if it did we should have no use for the Bible. We are command-who had not been entombed, while many ed to "search the Scriptures," to "study the 2:15; John 5:39; 1 Peter. 3:15. Simeon was a devout person; he believed in Christ

Our guide is the word, and it does not give us any such assurance. In former ages the Spirit was given to the few for the benefit of Those to whom it was given the many. "tasted of it," as the "heavenly gift;" or in other words, experienced its mysterious workings through them, as chosen instrumentalities for that purpose. They were, in the language of the text, "made partakers of the Holy Spirit." See Numbers 11. The Lord takes of the same Spirit that he had formerly put upon Moses to qualify him to be an in-The record says "they prophesied." Hence by means of the direct influences of the post offices. pay a strict regard to the times in which they were written. Scriptures applicable to persons living in those times should not be applied to persons living in this age. The key lot this supposed difficult text is found in the to this supposed difficult text is found in the fact that it applied to persons living in aposfact that it applied to persons living in aposfact that it applied to persons living in aposfolic times, who not only enjoyed the light of the written word, "which they had tasted," Neither did Joshua understand the matter.

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that is, the dead; or the beginning of the to have reference to the revelations of Deity viest thou for my sake? would god that all as far as given at that time; but in addition the Lord's people were prophets, and that to this light the specification from death. And so must Rev. to this light they were also enlightened by the Lord's people were prophety of the light they were also enlightened by the Lord would put his spirit upon them."

14 be understood: "the beginning of the the direct influence of the Holy Spirit oper- This shows that all of the Lord's people are ating upon and through them independent not prophets; that the spirit does not rest of any written revelation, which serves as a upon all of them, and also that the super-guide to the needs of the demonstrations guide to the people of this age, 2 Tim. 3:16,17. natural wisdom is one of the demonstrations. In this divine In this divine revelation, which is the product of the Spirit, 1 Cor. 2: 10-13, we are now partakers of the Spirit, "Holy Ghost," or thorolly furnished. This Spirit, "Glove were guided, directed,

That the heavenly gift refers to the Holy Spirit, which fell directly on some individuals, and to others was imparted by apostolic

chapters of Acts.

In addition to these endowments already enumerated, they had tasted of the powers ical systems in removing their maladies. were cured of their deafness, lameness, blindword," that we may be "workmen that need ness, and of various diseases. These are the eth not to be ashamed, approved of God, persons that Paul cauld doubtless had referrightly dividing the word of truth," and thus ence to when he said,"If they shall fall away be able to give a reason for our hope, 2 Tim. it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, &c. Backsliders, in the Scriptures, are invited to return to the fold of life. John

Turkey has its troubles still. It was to pay a large war idemnity to Russia for the last war. It is a bankrupt. Russia offers to take some territory in Armenia, in lieu of the money, and guarantee the Sultan's provinces. Turkey will probably be obliged to agree, and thus another member will go off the "sick man's" body. the Christians in Armenia are asking for reforms—that Christian or Mussulman governors be appointed Armenia are asking for reforms—that Cliffus language of the text, "made partakers of the language of the text, "made partakers of the language of the text, "made partakers of the language of the ext, "made partakers of the language of the sex Numbers 11. The Lord that is some Spirit that he had formerly put upon Moses to qualify him to be an instructor and leader of Israel, and caused it structor and leader of Israel. Now what was the result's senators of Israel. Now what was the

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Notes by the Way. No. 8.

A. F. DUGGER.

DEC. 16, I left my home for a second trip to Nodaway Co. Missing the train at Stanbercy, I went up to Evona Station, and visited Mrs. Bradly, who was on her death bed. She had, when a young girl, years ago, attended my school. I sang and prayed with her. She died about 11 o' clock, P. M. How solemn A companion and impressive the scene! and mother dying in the very morning of life, leaving her little innocent babe to the cold charities of a world, that is in these last days almost void of "natural affection," 2 Tim. 3:3. and one that reels to and fro like a drunkard on account of its moral pollutions and corruptions, Isa. 24: 20. But few persons exercise the tender love of a father and mother toward orphan children, hence they are often abused and neglected. I have known in my lifetime rich men having the control of orphan children, who worked them late and early, through cold and heat, wet and dry, giving them no privileges and providing them with a very scanty amount of clothing, just barely enough to cover them, while at the same time their own children would be in school, warmly and neatly clad, and provided with every thing necessary for their physical, intellectual, and moral training; and strange to say, these men professed to be Christians. Let no one, whether he be rich or poor, de ceive himself by thinking he is an "heir of God and joint heir with Christ," so long as he continues to grind the face of the poor, oppress the widow and orphan, and to trample upon the rights of the innocent and helpless. The Bible teaches that "pure and undefiled religion," or in other words, the religion that has God the Father for its author, and Jesus Christ the Son for its center, is to visit the widows and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. See James 1. A religious life is not simply praying at the family altar, or speaking in the class meeting, but it is a life of noble service, full of love and good will to all, and especially toward the fatherless, the helpless, and the unfortunate. It is a life full of activities—one actively engaged in sowing seeds of noble purpose, which shall spring up and bear fruit to the honor and glory of God. It is a life consecrated to God, devoted to the interests of suffering humanity in more ways than one, hence a life full of the labors of love, ever anxious and willing to do good and to sound out the glad notes of pardon, salvation and coming glory, by using the means and talents God has so graciously bestowed upon us. A life based upon the doctrine of correct practice, purified by the blessed hope of the appearing of Christ, hence pure and holy, fully sanctified to the will of What a noble calling! Let us prove true to our profession, and thereby make our calling and election sure.

Remaining over night with my brother in law, J. .F D uncan and family, the next morn-

the main we had a real good meeting, and I trust a profitable one. We spoke on the importance of living up to our profession, basing our discourse upon Peter's language, "partakers of the divine nature," which we showed to be the moral likeness of Christ. On Sabbath I dined with Bro. Andrew Jenson and his aged parents, who are firm and steadfast in the faith. At night I put up with my old and tried friends, Bro. and Sr. Wm. Workman, of the First Day Adventists, who do not yet observe the Sabbath, but give liberally of their means, in connection with the church in that place, to support

preaching. I spoke on Sunday and on Sunday night to a full house, I hope with good results. On Sunday I visited Bro. and Sr. M. C. Jenson, in company with Bro. and Sr. D.B. Ferguson. With these brethren I enjoyed a good visit, and I trust a profitable one, as we improved the time conversing mostly on Bible subjects. Bro. and Sr. Jenson are members of the church, and therefore observers of the Sabbath, while Bro. and Sr. Ferguson are First Day Adventists, who stood by me in all my oppositions when first I introduced the Advent truths into the western country, when we had opposition, persecutions, and embarrassments, almost on every hand to contend against. But the truth is mighty and will prevail. The Lord has brought us safe-When I survey the past, and ly through. count the oppositions, trials and difficulties, now numbered with bygone days, my heart goes out in gratitude to our heavenly Father for his loving care and tender mercies, so graciously manifested toward a being so unworthy as myself; and then how near and dear do those brethren of other years appear to me. though some of them now sleep, while their labors of love follow them. May we who yet survive the pale nations of the dead go forth with renewed zeal and energy, determined never to give up the battle until victory is

the Advocate, and prize it very highly. In reply to my question, How do you like our paper? Sr. Ferguson said, "I like the Apvo-CATE ever so much, and cannot think of doing without it under any consideration whatever." I am glad to be able to report that the ADVOCATE seems to be well received by all its readers where I travel; and I also observe that it is doing a good work, not only in giving general satisfaction to the churches, but in bringing others to a knowledge of the truth, who have not the privilege of hearing preaching. I know some who have recently embraced the Sabbath, and others who are almost persuaded. I know of no better pa-

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On account of the unfavorable condition of matter, and even more than some others that On account of the unfavorable conduction of the weather our audience was not very large, are considerably larger, and that too for the the weather our audience was not very large, and considerably larger, and chart too for the same amount of money. Brethren, one and yet the members of the church were about a mean amount of money. yet the members of the church were about same amount of money. Deemen, one and all present, and a number of outsiders; so in all, let us not forget to work for the circulathe church and to the world, as an able preacher of righteousness, for it is certainly worthy. No member of the church should be without it, and all should feel themselves under a moral obligation to work for it.

On Sunday night I put up with Bro. and Sr. Nelson. Our interview was a pleasant one, as we conversed upon a number of Bible topics, and sang some Advent hymns, so expressive of our faith and hope. met Bro. Nelson's mother, who is an aged pilgrim, and has long been in the service of her Master, and who is well read on all the subjects of the Advent faith, fully prepared to give a reason for her hope. May the Lord bless her in her declining years. On this trip I found one more keeping the Sabbath, and obtained two new subscribers for the Apvo-CATE; so the work moves slowly on. On Monday, in company with Brn. Cordill and Workman, I came to Marysville, where I took the train homeward. Missing the Stanberry hack, I was compelled to walk a good share of the way, a distance of about twelve miles, notwithstanding it was dark and very muddy, and also drizzling rain.

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Additional Evidence Against the Desolation Theory.

H. E. CARVER.

I TRUST that Bro. Long will not think it impertinent if I add somewhat to his remarks against the notion of the total desolation of the earth during the thousand years. I am glad to agree with Bro. Long that the idea of the desolation of the earth at the second advent, as held by our S. D. Advent brethren, is a mistake, for there is nothing more clearly revealed in the Bible than that the gospel age, or dispensation, will be immediately succeeded by times or ages of restitution, under the direct personal supervision of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his resurrected and glori-Bro. and Sr. Ferguson are both readers of fied church; and as one part of the work to be done then is according to the promise and oath of God to Abraham, that in him and in his seed (Christ and the church) all the nations, families, and kindreds of the earth are to be blest, the earth and not heaven must be the theatre of action in those times or ages.

In these main features of the subject I am happy to agree with Bro. Long; but when he says that "the saints cannot go to heaven," and quotes the language of our Savior in John 13 as evidence, I am compelled to dissent; for I believe the resurrected and glorified saints will be favored with, at least, a temporary visit and sojourn in their Father's house in heaven. Certainly there is nothing per for its size, and this is the only objection physically impossible in such a visit, for two ing after a short visit with Bro. Wm. O. Mon- I hear offered against it. But when one saints have already gone there, and that too roe and his son Charley, who are both Sab- takes into consideration the fact that the An- a long time ago, thus demonstrating the pos-

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In regard to the quotation from John 13: In regard to prove that the saints cannot to heaven, I understand this very passage, onnection with its context, to teach the prect opposite; and I think Bro. L. must are inadvertently overlooked the context lagree with Bro. L. that when our Lord the Jews, "where I am ye cannot John 7: 33, 34, he alluded to his permal departure to heaven as the place where the unbelieving Jews could not go. I also gree with him that when the Savior repeated the same words to his disciples in ch. 13: 33, e referred to the same thing, viz., his personal departure to and presence in heaven: and if he had ended this conversation or eaching there it would settle the matter in my mind against the idea of saints going to eaven even for a brief time. Jesus did not, owever, leave the matter thus; but in v. 36 the same chapter he qualifies his declaration thus: "Whither I go thou canst not blow me now, but thou shalt follow me herwards." Now if the Savior was really alking about his personal departure to heav n, I see no way to avoid the conclusion that here makes a positive promise that his lisciples shall at some future time go there 00; and for one I shall be glad to go if the lord will; and I am sure Bro. Long and all sho love Jesus will be glad to be in the com-

That the resurrected saints will be at least emporarily removed from the earth is disinctly taught in the Bible. Paul, in 1 Thess. says that when the Lord himself descends rom heaven the sleeping saints shall be raised he living ones changed, and together shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, from which time they are ever to be with him; so that if the saints are never to go to heaven Jesus will never go there any more after his second advent. For myself I do not believe that our Savior will exile himself from his Father's house and presence to all eternity, for I cannot imagine any necessity for it; and if he shall ever visit heaven again in the future age, or ages, his glorified saints will have the same privilege. In the 14th chapter of Zech. we have a prophecy of the second advent of Christ, from which we learn that when he actually descends from heaven to the earth his feet will stand upon the Mount of Olives (perhaps upon the very

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ability the purpose of God at some time or elapse between the ascent and descent. Without expressing an opinion as to the specific length of the interval I do believe that it will be long enough for all things to be accomplished that God designs shall be done then. Has Jesus promised that his disciples shall follow him to heaven at some time or other? when would there be a more suitable time than directly after their resurrection, and before entering upon the duties of their offices

as kings and priests on the earth?
Again: as it is plainly revealed that the
resurrected saints are to exercise the functions of kings and priests over the people of the earth in the kingdom of God to be set up at the second advent, they must of necessity be inducted into office and instructed in regard to their duties before entering upon their several administrations; and I cannot imagine a more suitable place or time for this than while at their Father's house on their first visit, the whole body of them being there to-

gether for this and other purposes.

The Scriptures also reveal the fact that there is to be a grand, glorious, yea; a royal ceremony called the Marriage of the Lamb, with its attendant festivities. This marriage (figuratively or spiritually so called,) can be nothing less than a public espousal by our Lord Jesus of the elect church as members of his spiritual and glorified body ("bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh"); or in other words, "these vile bodies shall be changed and fashioned like unto his glorious body," and we "be like him when we see him as he In the very nature of things this marriage cannot occur till the resurrection morning, the very time when those who participate in it will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. How appropriate it will be for Jesus to lead this resurrected and translated host to his Father's house, to participate in this royal ceremony in the presence of the assembled hosts of the universe of God. May God grant that both writer and readers may be there, and be favored with a call to the marriage supper, for Jesus has voluntarially pledged himself that when he makes that sumptuous feast for his disciples he will, notwithstanding his exalted position of King of kings and Lord of lords, perform the office of servant on that occasion,-wonderful conde-

Scension in the Son of God!

But it may be objected that this view inhe comes for his people and again when he arydifficulties. A wise man forsees coming danger comes with them. Not necessarially so. a personal presence of Jesus in the atmosphere of our earth, since he was seen to asbestify their resurrection and removal from earth must precede by some length of time their descent to earth with him.

As regards the length of this interval of absence from earth with the Lord I do not know that the Bible gives a definite answer. Like the notion that all men are possessed of immortal souls, and others that might be mamed, it is generally taken for granted that the descent to meet him in the air. Others believe the time will be more protections and that all more prospectively and the descent to meet him in the air. Others believe the time will be more prophere of our earth, since he was seen to as-

Some prophetic students regard the coming of Jesus into the air as Thess. 3, as the first or preliminary stage of the second advent; corresponding with the first stage of the first advent at the birth of Jesus, while the second stage will transpire when he makes his public descent with all his saints, as predicted in Zech. 14, and corresponds with the second stage of the first advent when Jesus entered upon his public ministry as the Messiah; and as there was then a suitable space of time that intervened between the two stages of the first advent so there will be at the second. I am glad to be able to say that I accept this view as being the teaching of the Bible, and may perhaps give my reasons for the same at more length hereafter, if the Lord will.

Marion, Iowa.

The Men Who Succeed.

The great difference among men of all callings is energy of character or the want of it. Given the same amount of learning and integrity, and the same opportunities, and energy will make one man a conqueror. Dead-beats are men without man a conqueror. They had as good a chance as any of their mions. Others went ahead and carried off companions. Others went ahead and carried off the prizes while they were lying by the way-side dispirited and despondent. It takes nerve, vim, perserverance, patient continuance in well-deing, to win a great prize. And the young man who goes into a profession without this pluck and force will not earn salt to his porridge. He will drag through life with the help of friends, getting some reself with them for heining a well-meaning man companions. credit with them for being a well-meaning man in delicate health, and unlucky. The real trouble is he lacks energy. This is just as true of the minister as of the lawyer or physician. Piety is not enough, and piety with much learning is not enough. All the Greek and Hebrew in the world will not qualify a man for usefulness in the minwill not quarry a man for usefulness in the ministry. It wants push, stamina, vigor, courage, resolution, will, determination—in one word, resolution, will, determination—in one word, energy. If the youth knows a little Greek, he knows what en ergos means, and without it Dr-Parr's knowledgeof Greek will not help him to usefulness or success in the pulpit.—Observer.

Borrowing Trouble.

Borrowing trouble is wrong. It comes fast enough without borrowing. It comes of unbelief. It loads our minds with unnecessary burdens. It so discourages us with shadows that we have not courage to do real duties. It is not good, common sense. It is unbecoming a christian. It is displeasing to God. It is anunworthy object on which to spend our energies of a rational mind. It produces occasional morbidity of thought anb feeling. volves a third advent of the Lord; once when It exhausts mindforce and nerveforce on imaginlooks on the dark side of coming events, and frets away more strength than it would take to over come them. He is like the engineer who so

THE article for the ADVOCATE entitled the New Name, is unavoidably delayed until the next number of the paper, by the publication of other matter previously received. We do the writer to become discouraged by the delay, or think his matter is not appreciated, but we are glad to be so well supplied, which does not often occur.

ELDER Charles Lee and wife, who spent four months with us at Marion, four years ago, and who have since been kindly rememby the brethren and sisters of this place, have been in Sweden, their native country, since last September, laboring for the conversion of their countrymen to Christ and to the truth. They were, and have ever since been earnest and conscientious Christians and observers of God's holy Sabbath. and we pray God's blessing to be upon them in their labors for his truth. There are many people in that country who are suffering many hardships on account of poor crops and the difficult circumstances under which the poorer classes maintain themselves; but it is by this class that the truth is principally received, as it was when Jesus was upon earth, when the common people heard him gladly.

A few orders for the pamphlet, Infidel Silenced, are delayed. We are selling the pamphlet at the request of the publisher, and being out of a supply, have ordered more cop ies, and we do not know the cause of delay.

SISTER MADILL, of Freeland, Mich., writes that she has been waiting for some one to write on Rom. 9: 13, and Mal. 1: 2, 3, texts which the skeptic and infidel take so much advantage of. Sister M. says we should understand their right meaning. If no one else replies soon the Editor will reply as soon as the present series of questions are through.

A BROTHER asks the correction of a quotation in the article lately against the desolation of the earth, from Zech. 9th chapter to the 14th, speaking of the taking of Old Jerusalem by the nations assembled against it, when the Lord shall come to the battle himself.

Meetings at Kibbie Station, Mich.

DEAR Brethren scattered abroad: Perhaps it would be interesting to some of you to read a report of my labors. December 1st I started from home for the purpose of holding protracted meet ings, and by request I commenced meetings at the Chambers' School House, Dec. 2nd. For some time the interest did not seem much, only on the part of a few. I commenced upon practical subjects, such as repentance, faith in God, experimental religion, the Christian's hope, the saints' inheritance, and then the law of God. I spoke four times upon this subject, trying to remove all the objections that would exist a few of the control the objections that would arise. After this I spoke upon the subject of baptism. I gave no nvitation for any to move, that is, to make a

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start in the Master's service until after I had spoken on all these subjects, which took me until Dec. 18th; then I gave liberty for those wishing to keep the commandments of God to make it manifest, and seven accepted the invitation, and at once commenced to work for the Master. I continued preaching and inviting sinners to I continued preaching and inviting sinners to notice that for just one text from the word of God stating that the first day of the week was set a part for a holy day I would keep it. No one set a part for a holy day I would keep it. No one set a part for a holy day I would keep it. No one sould bring the text. Our numbers kept increasing during this time, and finally some called for baptism; and last Sabbath, Dec. 31st, I administered the ordinance of baptisms and were buried. tered the ordinance of baptism; six were buried with Christ in baptism for the remission of sins. There were others who had embraced the Sab-bath, but, they had been beginning as the sab-There were others who had embraced the Sab-bath, but they had been baptized before, and were received by the hand of fellowship, four in number, which make ten who have embraced the truth of the seventh day Sabbath and the soon coming of Christ, together with the other truths coming of Christ, together with the other truchs held by us as a people. Bro. James Greenman and wife also united with us, which make a little class of twelve here. Bro. Isaac Catt, of Martin's Corners, met with us on the Sabbath at baptism. Our hearts were cheared to see the brethren once

After meeting Sabbath we met again in the evening, at which time I received notice that the next day at eleven o'clock Elder Reeding would reply to me upon the subject of the Sabbath. all attended this meeting; the Elder took the position that there was no law, claiming that the law was done away in Christ. He did as poorly as any one I ever heard. Almost the whole con as any one I ever neard. Almost the whole congregation were disappointed. I replied to this in the evening, leaving the result with the Lord. Next Sunday one Elder Greensted is going to review me on the Sabbath question. I shall reply to him the evening following the results of the sunday of the to him the evening following, trusting that God's truth will stand, though the test may be by the greatest opposers. Brethren, continue to pray. Remember the work of God everywhere. This

from your brother in Christ,

JOHN BRANCH.

News from the missing boat of the "Jeannette," the Arctic exploring ship, is that it is lost, and its inmates have perished. They that go to the arctic regions do so at great risk of life, and at much peril.

SMALL POX is reported as prevailing in several parts of the United States; in some of the northern cities as well as in the South. Newspapers report it in different parts of Iowa.

By the breaking of a bridge over the Kennebunk river a passenger train on the Boston and Maine railroad was precipitated down an embankment and the cars taking fire, a scene of horror ensued. Out of 100 passengers very few escaped unhurt. One was killed, one fatally wounded, three seriously hurt, and sixty others bruised and injured.

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