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The Consecrated WII.

LAID on thy altar, O my Lord divine, Lain on thy anar, O my Lota divine, Accept my gift this day for Jesus' sake; I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine, Nor any world-framed sacrifice to make; But here I bring within my trembling hand

This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small, And only thou, sweet Lord, canst understand How when I yield thee this, I yield mine all. Hidden therein thy searching eye can see

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So changed, so purified, so fair have grown, So one with thee, so filled with peace divine, I may not know or feel it as my own, But gaining back my will, may find it thine.

THE SERMON.

'And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand .- Matt. 10: 7.

Evidences of Christianity.

"What think ye of Christ; whose son is

In a former discourse we showed conclu sively that there is a supreme intelligence, discourse we shall give additional evidence

THE ADVENT & SABBATH ADVOCATE but by me." "I am the light of the world." did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, General Conference of the Church of God,

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AT STANBERRY, GENTRY CO. Mo. ing bread which came down from heaven, of lieving ye might have life in his name." which ye eat, ye shall never die," "I and John 20: 30, 31. my Father are one." Prophecy foretold his These texts abundantly teach that the inir-coming. Angels announced his birth, and acles of our Savior are his credentials; they He is the Lord of glory, the Prince of Life and

These are some of the claims put forth by for this purpose. Jesus of Nazereth. No other person has ever claimed such high titles and preroga tives as he. It is pertinent to ask, upon what evidence does he base his claims? What credentials does he bear to prove his claims? These extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. This question was put directly to Jesus by John the Baptist when he sent two of his disciples to him say ing, "Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?" Please mark the answer of Jesus to this question. "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the are raised, and to the poor the gospel is preached." Luke 7: 19-22.

Here is the evidence upon which we are to ful works. receive him as the divine Son of God. As he was associated with the Father in crea tion, "all things being made by him," John 1: 3, he here exhibits this same creative power. A watch-maker has the ability to repair a watch as well as to make one. A shoemaker has the ability to repair a shoe as well as to make one. So Christ has the ability to restore the eye of the blind, seeing he posthe lame to walk, seeing he originally crea ted man capable of walking. He is also the proper person to restore life to the dead, see ing that he originally imparted life to man. Jesus of Nazereth proves his divinity by ex ercising the power of divinity. And he ev erywhere appeals to his miraculous works as but Jesus appeals to his works as superior

evidence to his claims, as follows :-

Again, "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or élse believe me the moral by means of miracles. Upon a Christ is the central figure of the Bible, for the very work's sake." John 14: 11. "If certain occasion the people brought on a bed

gave him the name of Emmanuel-God with are the evidences of his divinity. These us. He was with the Father before the miracles were not performed alone for world was. All things were made by him. nessed them, but they are recorded that we of Peace. He demands recognition on the penalty of eternal death. In his name alone and that believing we may have life through his name. About forty have been recorded

. We next wish to inquire what effect these miracles had on the minds of the people? Whether they tended to convince the people of his heavenly mission? This was the design of these miracles. Did they fulfill it? This question is clearly answered by a competent vitness, a member of the Jewish sanhedrim. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, the same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him." John 3: 1, 2.

lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead cles forced the high Jewish ruler to confess The overwhelming evidence of these mirathat Jesus was associated with the Creator in order to the performance of these wonder-

Upon an other occasion our Savior had restored the sight of one who was born blind, we have the following acknowledgement. "Now we know God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshiper of God and doeth his will him he heareth. Since the !! world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man was not of God he could do nothsessed the power to create it in the begin- ing." John 9; 31-33. This work proved t ning. He is also the proper person to cause the people that Christ must be at least in som

way associated with the Father. After our Savior had performed the workderful miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead, and which had been witnessed by many Jews the chief priests and Pharisees, convened a counsel and said, "What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let evidence of his divinity. John the Baptist him thus alone all men will believe on him." bore witness that Jesus was the Son of God. This again proves that his miracles are the evidence of his divinity. Again, when the earth quaked and the rocks were rent and "But I have greater witness than that of darkness coverd the earth for three hours at John; for the works that I do bear witness Christ's crucifixion, the captain and the solof me." 10:25. "If I do not the works of my diers who crucified him were forced to con-Father believe me not, but if I do, though ye fess, "Truly this was the Son of God," Matt. believe not me, believe the works; that ye 27: 54. All these passages of scripture clearthe Creator of all things, and that the Bible may know and believe that the Father is in ly teach that the miracles of Christ are evidences of his divinity.

the corner stone and foundation of Christi I had not done among them the works which a man sick of the palsy. Christ said unto the corner stone and foundation of Christianity. He comes to us as no other person ever came. His claims are as high as the beavens. He says: "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father" And many other signs (miracles) truly in a man sick of the palsy. Christ said unto him "Son be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee." This language shocked some, while others claimed he blasphemed, for to forgive sins belongs alone to God. Christ 178

perceiving the thoughts of their hearts he feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fishes; to prove that he is the light of should be as carefully cultivated. the world, he opens the eyes of one that was born blind to see the natural light; to prove that he can cleause people from their moral filth, he cleanses the leper from his physical He says, "I am the great physician," and then in proof of his statement he heals all statement he raises Lazarus from the dead Thus he goes on trying to raise the minds of his hearers from the natural to the supernatural, from the physical to the spiritual, from the present world to the world to come.

that they were done publicly. They were not done before a select few, or in a dark room. raising of Lazarus from the dead in the pres coarseness, and recklessness of others' comthat the miracles were actually performed, but some claimed that they were performed through the power of magic which of course simply pass them by with a sneer of con

Out of the many miracles that Christ per to prove his divine mission but entirely two large to be accounted for on the ground of imposition. Even infidels acknowledge the power of miracles to convince, for Ingersoll skys, "Show us one genuine miracle and we will believe." Here are forty, let him believe them. They lose nothing by age, if they were acknowledged by both friend and enemies in whose presence they were performed as is the case of those referred to. They stand unimpeachable, attesting the divine mission of our Savier. We have then learned that ing himself even to the time and place of his birth, life, betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrec come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth

Courtesy.

of honesty, or unusual frankness. And yet ripen in the qualities of a Christian gentlethat these infractes were performed as recorded must be apparent to all from the fact
offend every sentiment of refined and gentlecontrol over his passions, and whose heart is but publicly where they were witnessed by impalse of honesty and open-heartedness su- the social circle.—Morning Star. thousands. Take for instance the feeding of thousands of people on two occasions, the untruthful ples. Superior honesty! Far healing of the sick on various occasions, the from it. Such persons usually excel only in ence of many of his enemies. Had these not fort. Even when they wish to speak kindly, occurred as recorded thousands would have they often choose the style of the rowdy, and condemned the record as false, unworthy of employ abusive terms in jest. And when belief, deceptive and spurious. But no such they rebuke wrong, or express their disapdenial has ever been raised, even the infile is probation, their words are vinegar and gall of the first and second centuries admitted No forms of speech are too harsh no tone of voice too denunciatory and bitter; they are not satisfied unless they rasp, and saw to the very quick; and they ring the changes upon is absurd. Infidels of to day are unable to biting epithets with a relish, and then claim esty. Strange pretensions! Much of the strife

> The true Christain rule is to choose kind others, to avoid even giving offense to the believe the blood of Christ is able to cleanse

where such things are indulged.

But culture is the grand means of refining. The roughest stone from the ledge can be Courtesy is a Christian duty, as well as hewed, hammered and chiseled until it wears a smooth and beautiful polish. And Christian duty, as well as hewed, hammered and chiseled until it wears hearts? For which is easier, to say thy sins be fogiven thee, or to say. Arise take up thy prayer. The perfect Christian is a perfect payer. The perfect Christian is a perfect prayer. The perfect Christian is a perfect prayer is designed to polish the rough christian the week, hammered and emseled until it wears a smooth and beautiful polish. And Christian the week, hammered and emseled until it wears as mooth and beautiful polish. And Christian is a perfect prayer is designed to polish the rough christian the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week, hammered and emseled until it wears are the week perfect the weak prayer. The perfect the weak perfect the wea which yield to be a man but power on earth to for useful, but also agreeable. It is a high comparison of the palsy, mendation to say that a man is honest, but agreeable, kind. But this work demands effort, study, attention. He that is careless a house; he arcse and departed. But when the of Christein characteristics are house; house, ho Anse take up thy bed and go into thine houesty does not comprise all the excellences to the field of the thine house; he arose and departed. But when the of Christain character. We often see honesty, both is words or manners will never improvement that are taken up thy bed and glori and vulgarity of manner, coarseness of landarity and is disposed to instife his substitute and is disposed to instife his fied God which had given such power unto guage, and rough demeanor, existing in the nearly many Matt & 2-8. To prove that he had men." Mat. 2.2-8. To prove that he had power to forgive sins, he heals the paralytic man; to prove that he is the bread of life. man; to prove that he is the bread of life. honesty. Good marners are an element of avoid every act that will be likely to give of he feeds five thousand with five loaves and nonesty. Good marners are an element fense, or wound the feelings; who speaks as usefulness as really as good principles, and softly and charitably of the faults of others Some pride themselves in being blunt, and as truth and duty will allow; who never emsome price themselves in being states of others ploys harsh and cutting words to give emphaand call it honest-heartedness, plainness of sist to a sentence, or to gratify excited passions; speech, etc.; but their forms of speech de- who studies to be honest; who prefers to sufspeece, etc.; out their forms of the serve no such names of flattery; they are no fer in his own feelings rather than wound the serve no sucu names of nattery, they are to first an own terrings rather than would the more honest, frank and plain than the perfect feelings of others; who strives to allay irritamanner or diseases. He says I am the resure rection and the life, and then to prove his of fill breading and prant than the prove his of fill breading and prant than the prove his of fill breading and prant than the prove his of fill breading and prant than the prove his of fill breading and prant than the proveness of pattern than the how common it is for some persons to be man, and will very soon learn that there is a reckless of the feelings, opinions and tastes of vast amount of religion in prayer. No Chrisothers; to rush over them in word and deed, tain should consider himself more than a novwith the inconsideration of a battle-horse, ice in the cause, who has not gained such a manly accomplishment, and then complacent not so full of kindness, that he is found to be ly pretend that they have done it all from an agreeable in his family, in the church, and in

The Offering of Christ.

BY M. A. BRANCH.

"So Christ was once offered to hear the sins of many, and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9: 28. In olden times the high priest made an offering once a year for the people and himself. "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come,...neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the Holy Place, having give a plausible explanation of them and that this is all an evidence of superior honobatined eternal redemption for us." There tempt. That may be argument with them, and difficulty that occur in churches, and that is a lesson in this that perhaps many have prevent a loving union among believers, re- should disobey the laws of our country, and sults from such severity and coarseness of re- he is unable to pay the cost, he must suffer. formed about forty have been recorded in the mark. Every corner and lane of social life is But if I step in and say, My son, I will pay New Testament, a number sufficiently large often made rough, unpleasant, and the brotherhood kept constantly, chafed, fretted and free; but should he violate the law again wounded by these boorish manners. There would the payment I have made satisfy the never can be any fusion, mellow, genial unity, law again ? No, indeed; it would take another sacrifice.

So Christ was offered once for all, not for words, to study not to wound the feelings of all sin, but for all men. But, says one, you weak, and ignorant, and prejudiced, and strive us from all sin? I do; the Bible tells me to impart good cheer and comfort to all it will, but only once was Christ offered to around us. Such a course involves no loss of diguity, honesty, frankness, nor fidelity; but it does involve a high state of religious cult-through faith in his blood, to declare rightwhile the claims of our Savior are extraordinary has establishes those claims by extraordinary and supernatural evidence. To this might be added the evidence of prophecy; round them. They shed a genial happiness wherever they go, and seem instinctively to be savious the course of the remissions of sins that are past." Rom. 3: 25. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were wherever they go, and seem instinctively to be savious that the savious course of the remissions of sins that are past." Rom. 3: 25. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were savious course." wherever they go, and seem instinctively to read the feelings, weaknesses, wants, of those around them, and to say and do just the thing around them, and to say and do just the thing the glory of the Father, even so we also the glory of the Father, even so we also the glory of the Father, even so we also the glory of the Father, even so we also the glory of the Father. tion. But we have not the time to bring out that will afford pleasure. And we can also should walk in newness of life knowing this. all this evidence now, but will promise to call to mind those who are forever chaffing, that our old man is crucified with him, that present the evidence on the resurrection in rasping, wounding, the sensibilities of their the body of sin might be destroyed that our next. But in conclusion I wish to ask, associates. They are like certain flies, that henceforth we should not serve sin; for he "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?" are always annoying, and are especially keen that is dead is free from sin." Rom. 6: 3-3 Does not this evidence prove him to be the divine Son of God, Emmanuel—God with us, our Savior and Redeemer! Let us therefore ritating every tender wound, Now some are constitutionally coarse and raised from the dead dieth no more; for its but never after, knowing that Christ being blundering; some are appreciative and kind. that he died he died unto sin. Now, the

question is, what willfully again? ve yield yoursely vants ye are ?" them again unt crucify to thems Brethren, read great importance blood of Christ f us from sin once for our own sins Christ is our ad careful about Christ and cruc he earnest and den treasure. White Cloud

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Brethren, read this carefully for it is of great importance, and do not depend on the blood of Christ for everything. Christ frees as from sin once, after that we must answer for our own sins but if we do not sin willfully Christ is our advocate. We should be very careful about doing wrong after we put on Christ and crucify the Savior again. Let us he earnest and search God's word as for hid

White Cloud, Mich.

The Iron Virgin.

REV. J. H. PETTINGELL gives us, in the Sabbath at Home, an account of his visit to the old city, of Nuremburg, with the ancient appearance and its antique churches, on which a vast amount of labor has been bestowed "sculpture, carving, painting, gilding, and mosaic." His visit to the old castle, in which he saw the Yungfrau, or iron virgin, he describes as follows: After waiting some time a woman came to me from an adjoining house to whom I again uttered the significant words, Die eiserne Yungfrau; and she at once brought a key and a lighted candle. I followed her down, down, through a long, dark, winding stairway, hewn in the solid rock. At every turn, she lighted a tallow candle that was struck in the wall, till we came, at last, to a series of large cells. Here I found, in horrid array, every sort of instrument of human torture of which I have ever heard or conceived: rude, rough, and rusty, most of them, but grim and ghostly. Here were goads and knotted lashes, thumb-screws and gags, yokes and pokes, and every sort of gear for every part of the body; and chains and manacles, and stocks of various patterns vying with each other in their power to twist and wrench and confine the body in the most unendurable positions. Here were limb-stretchers, and bone-breakers, and flesh-crushers, and a great variety of nameless and nondescript instruments and machines, adapted to produce exquisite pain and prolonged agony in every conceivable way. In the corner of one cell was a high chair, the seat of which was filled, like a hatchet, with blunt iron spikes; at the top was an iron collar to fit around the neck of the victim, who was placed in it with manacled hands; and there were two iron weights, of about fifty pounds, to be attached to his feet as they hung dangling some eighteen inches from the floor. In another room was a rough, roomy cradle, filled with the same sort of spikes, in which the sufferer was rocked till his flesh was pierced and torn to tatters.

In another foom was a hoisting machine, with rings in the floor below, to which the feet were secured; and rings in the walls above, through which went cords to be attached to the hands; and a windlass around which these cords were carried; and then the unhappy victim was drawn upward till all his bones were dislocated and his muscles stretched to their utmost limit of endurance, or till his limbs were torn away one by one.

In another place there was a horizontal ta-In another place there was a horizontal ble, with a windlass, attached, for the same regulation of married life, their cooking, and devil's mortgage on the soul, and he is always purpose, with devices for inflicting various their general hygiene distinguishes them tortures upon him as he lay stretched on his from other men. The low, crowded and back. My guide attempted to tell me in broken abominably filthy district of Rome, in which

ture till my heart was sick and my cariosity. They were domiciled in China in the third It was some ten or twelve feet square, hewn out of the rock, and utterly dark, excepting as it was lighted by two or three bits of tallow candles stuck in the wall around, and so far beneath the ground that no noise within could reach the world outside. Here, by the dim light of the tapers, I found myself in the presence of the monster I had come to see. This Yungfrau is an image of a woman with a fair face, hooded and ruffled, and from the neck downwards, apparently enveloped in a long cloak. The image is about seven feet high, and seems to be constructed of wood, but incased in iron. On either side is a pair of hinges, and in front two doors open by a spring, revealing a space within large enough to hold a full-sized man, and all bristling with rusty spikes several inches in length. Two of them at the top are so placed as to penetrate the eyes of the body. Opposite the mouth is a small orifice for introducing cordial to strengthen him, or through which, perhaps, he might also utter his confession. On closing the door, a screw braced against the opposite wall was applied to bring them gradually together; and at the bottom, underneath the feet, is a trap door, through which he is finally dropped into a cavern below, filled with water, unknown."-Messiah's Herald.

The Prophecy Fulfilled

THE prophecies that prognosticated the destruction of the various empires-the desolation of Babylon, Tyre, Nineveh, are met with the objection of the non-believer, that it is the fate of all governments to have their rise and fall, hence it was only shrewd guessing on the part of the Hebrew prophets. But what can be said to Moses' prophecy of the utter dispersion of the Jews among all the people of the earth? Here was not destruction, but a species of perpetual preservation; particularly is this miraculous from the fact that no other people can exist under every climatic change or condition.

The English of India and the Dutch of Java become sickly in the second generation, and would cease to be if it were not for fresh importations of vigorously healthy young people, while the Jews are peculiarly and mysteriously true cosmopolitans, ubiquitous everywhere, from the coral strands of India to the frozen shores of Greenland, always rivaling the natives in bodily health and mental vigor, so that Dr. Nott and George R. Gliddon, while maintaining in their book that each race of men had a distinct and separate origin, are forced to admit: "As the single exception to all this may be noted in the Jews. Among all men they are isolated in religion; their isolation in a pathological sense is just as complete. There is a line of among whom they dwell. They are neither born nor do they die like their neighbors. They have more children and more old men. They have better health and are less subject to epidemics. Their laws of marriage, their

I surveyed the hellish instrument of tor- world is a fact, however it be explained. was satisfied; then I was led through a nar- century of our era. Mungo Park found them row crooked passage, into the last cell of all. in the heart of Africa eight hundred miles from the coast. They do as well in Norway as they do in Jerusalem, and they are loca ted all round the equator, and are settled from pole to pole."-Hebrew Journal.

Breaking Down.

Working for God is often painful as well humbling. It entails suffering, and we are fitted for it by suffering. Why is this? Because the suffering brings us into closer fel lowship with our Lord, who was the Man of Sorrows; because it brings us into sympathy with our brethren suffering all around us; because it humbles us. Do you know what is God's chief difficulty with us? It is not the filling us; it is the emptying us. It is not the edifying us; it is the pulling us down. And therefore it is that God's chief instrument of edification is the pix-ax. He must break us down, down, down, and whatever he gives us to do for his service, he will first of all show us that we are not able to do it.

In our armies, when a man is wounded, they take him at once out of the ranks, and put him in the rear to take care of him. is not fit for fighting till his wounds are healed.

Not so in the Lord's army. There the faint "unknelled, uncoffined and are in the heat of the battle, and the wound ed lead the vanguard. Look at the history of the church, and you will see that most, if not all, of those whom God has employed in a signal manner for his glory, have been in one way or another, amongst the most afflicted of men, either in heart or in body-sometimes in both. Therefore do not be afraid of suffering. Do not think that suffering interferes with service. On the contrary, it helps it on. When therefore we offer our prayers to God, and ask him to take us and make us, don't let us forget to put up another petition between the two, and ask him also to break us. That is a short and comprehensive prayer: "Take me! break me! make me!" God answering that prayer can do something with us .- Theodore Monod.

A Great Demoralizer.

DEBT: there is no worse demoralizer of character. The sad records of defaulting, embezzling and dishonest failures which we meet with so constantly in the daily press, are often, indeed most frequently, the result of the demoralization of debt, and consequent desperate efforts at extrication. The financial props have given away. The little debt, which at first was small as a grain of mustard seed, like the rolling snow-ball, has gathered weight and multiplied itself a thousand fold. And still it grows, and like the fabulous hydra which Hercules was sent to kill, you no sooner strike off one head than two shoot up in its place. The struggle is severe, but in demarcation between them and the people the end decisive; either confession is made of a hopeless bankruptcy which might and should have been avoided, or integrity is sacrified to the temptation of the moment. Debt ruins as many households, and destroys as many fine characters as rum; it is the ready to foreclose .- Christian at Work.

-Nothing ages like laziness. - Lytton.

"The Entrance of thy Words giveth Light."

W. C. LONG, - - - - EDITOR.

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Colossians 2:16.

"LET no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days.' The context reads, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances which was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross, . . . which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is

Strange as it may appear, this text is used both by the Antinomians, and by those who are trying to bolster up Sunday as the Sab-The above scripture is a clear record of the fact that sabbath days have ceased; and if there is but one class of sabbaths it is evident that those who keep the seventh-day, and others who observe a day, are mistaken, and are adhering to that which has passed away-has been nailed to the cross. If there are two kinds of sabbaths recognized in the Bible it would be very unwise to conclude that the Sabbath of the Lord ceased; yes, as unreasonable as to conclude that the God of the Scriptures had been destroyed, because we read that "gods were destroyed." The word "which" in the text is a relative pronoun, and its antecedent is found in the preceeding verse, where the apostle closes up with reference to the sabbaths. All must admit that the shadow referred to by Paul in this reading shadows forth the world's Redeemer. Such shadows were introduced not before, but after there was a necessity for a redeemer; or after man needed redeeming. By turning to Lev. 23 we learn that the Jews had seven annual sabbaths which were not embodied in the law of ten commandments, but in the typical or shadowy law of ordinances. These sabbaths were known as "your sabbaths," "her sabbaths," but of the weekly Sabbath the Lord says "my holy day," "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," etc. Isa. 58: 13; Ex. 20: 8-11. The weekly Sabbath comes to us from the very beginning, consequently was not a shadow, but is a memorial of creation pointing to that event. Ex, 20: 8, 11.

Now we wish to know the meaning of the apostle's language. Does he wish us to believe that the Lord's Sabbath was nailed to the cross? or that it was "her sabbaths" which the nails pierced? Here we wish to introduce a prophecy: "I will cause all her mirths to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts," Hosea 2: 11. It was her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths which were to cease. These are the identical days the apostle has under consideration, for he says, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, that was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or the sabbath days;" then reveals to us the "old paths." to make it plain he adds, "which are a shadow of things to come." Who would say that the weekly Sabbath was a shadow? No one. It antedates the fall of man, which places it

ADVENT & SABBATH ADVOCATE. read in the ten commandments anything about meat? We do not. Anything about settled fact. We here wish to subjoin the renderings in different versions:

"Let no man, therefore, judge you in food, or in drink, or in respect to an holy day, or the new moon, or the sabbaths.— Waiting.

"Let no one, therefore, call you to an account about meat and drink, or with respect festival, or a new moon, or sabbaths.-

"Let no one, therefore, disquiet you about food and drink, or about the distinctions of festivals, and new moons, and sabbaths."—
Syriac Testament.

"Let none, therefore, judge you in meat, or drink, or in respect of a feast day, or of the new moon, or of sabbath days."—Wesley.

"Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect to a festival day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths.—Doway

"Wherefore let no one judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a festival day, or of a new moon, or of sabbaths. - MacKnight.

"Let no one, therefore, rule you in food, or in drink, or in respect of a festival, or of a new moon, or of sabbaths.—*Emphatic Diaglott*.

"Let no one, therefore, judge you in meat or in drink, or in matter of feast, or new moon, or sabbaths."—*Darby's Version*.

All are united in declaring that it was the Jew's festival days and sabbath days that were done away, while the Sabbath of the decalogue, which was vouchsafed to us in the imperishable records of Sinai, stands.

This Sabbath is not a Jewish institution; yet we are told by many that we keep the Bible is the Sabbath of the Lord called the a Dutch Sabbath, an Irish Sabbath, the Sabbath of the Russians or Prussians, as to call it a Jewish Sabbath. It existed hundreds of us from the very beginning. It was appointed as creation's memorial--creation's birth day. It was not designed for a certain country, but for the whole world; not for a nation, but for all mankind; not for an age, but for all time. Yes, it survived the catastrophe of Eden; it was not lost in the Babylonian captivity; it was not destroyed in the extermination of the Jewish nation; but on this side of our risen Lord we find it taught and observed.

The Savior, in Matt. 24: 20, speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day." Here the Savior carries the Sabbath beyond the cross, beyond Paul's nailing to tha cross; nailed there, but must belong to another

If the Sabbath was binding 40 years in the

"Then as we would our God obey, In letter and spirit too, Oh! let us keep the seventh day, For it is plainly brought to view."

Preaching Righteousness.

THERE are many things which are subjects baths? We do not. That Col. 2: 16 does not of public proclamation which God has not paths? We do not. That Col. 2: 16 does not ordered to be declared; and there are many nessages which bring neither raw many messages which bring neither reward to those who bear them, nor blessing to those who hear them. Indeed, there are truths in the Scripture which at times are not appropriate; there are words which are closed up and sealed, and until their proper time can not be understood, nor properly unfolded There are also subjects which have ceased to be of importance, and truths which, though vital once, are obselete to day.

But there is one theme that never becomes obsolete, which is ever a "present truth" to the sons of men. And that theme is right eousness. Not the righteousness of the scribe or Pharisee, with his tithes of mint and anise and cummin, with his washing of pots and his devouring of widow's houses; not the right. eousness of the lawless, who disclaim responsibility and turn "the grace of God into las civiousness;" not the righteousness of will worshipers, who believe that all they do is right simply because they do it; not the righteousness of men who profess to be free from sin because they do not know what sin is, and to justify themselves in wrongs of which ordinary sinners would be ashamed; not the righteousness of bigots or sectarians, with their blinded eyes and narrow prejudices; not the righteousness of the partisan, which permits in a saint what it condemns in a sinner, and which justifies in a supporter what it opposes in an adversary; not the righteousness of men, weak, ignorant, and full of imperfection; but "the righteousness Jewish Sabbath; but we inquire where in the of God," as proclaimed by those who can say with Elihu of old, "I will tetch my knowl-Jewish Sabbath? As well might it be called edge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker." Job 36: 3.

There is much preached in this world besides righteousness. There are those who years before there was a Jew, and comes to preach philosophy which they do not understand, science which they have never mastered, precepts which they fail to practice, strifes which disturb and divide Christ's flock, opinions which are erroneous or trivial, prophecies which come from their own minds and not from the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, interpretations which prove to be untrue, systems which erring men have contrived, ordinances which God has never ordained, and creeds which Christ and his apostles never constructed. And right under the preaching of all these things, grow up wrongs, abuses, sins, iniquities which disgrace the A. D. 70, says, "Pray ye that your flight be not lamies startle even worldlings with astonishchurch, displease the Lord, and, by their in-

God sends forth men to preach righteoushence it could not be included in the things Christ." "Noah was a just man and a preach ness; - "the righteousness of God in Jesus er of righteousness;" the Psalmist "preached righteousness in the great congregation;" Paul was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," Christian age or this side of the cross, is it for therein was revealed the righteousness of not binding in 1888? We ought to "call the God by faith unto faith; and in the presence Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, hon- of Felix he reasoned of "righteousness, temorable." We ought to hail the truth that has perance, and a judgment to come;" and the come to us, and with gladness walk in the Holy Spirit which was sent to "reprove the light which makes manifest all darkness, and world of sin, of righteousness, and of judg ment" attended the word, and caused the guilty ruler to tremble at the sound.

This preaching of righteousness is not an exhibition of pretty talk and dainty sentiback of all shadows. The annual sabbaths How differently our Antinomians act! In ciples of absolute, unalterable, and eternal were shadows and pointed forward to Christ. stead of calling the Sabbath a delight, and right, which stand strong as the pillars of The moral law of ten commandments is not honorable, they seek every opportunity to of heaven, and rest in the heart of Him who under consideration in this chapter. Do we speak against it. May the Lord pity them. hath "loved righteousness and hated wicked

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And this same righteousness shall be seen mall the fullness of its manifestation, in that appointed day when "God shall judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained;" when "the Lord. the righteous Judge" shall give "a crown of nghrousness" to all that "love his appear when the armies of heaven, clothed in fuelinen. "which is the righteousness of the soints," shall follow Him who "in righteouspess doth judge and make war;" when the redeemed of the Lord shall have their inher itance in that "new heaven and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," beneath the wign of Him who is King of righteousness and King of peace, whose kingdom is not mleat and drink, but "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost;" and beneath whose benignant reign "the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance

And if the minister of God would meet the divine approval, and have the presence of the Spirit which reproves "of sin, righteousness and judgment;" if he would stand accepted in the "presence of the Lord, the righteous Judge." he must make this a grand theme of steadfast testimony, and bear witness to the world of those great and eternal principles which are fixed and settled, firm as the throne of God. Whatever doctrines he may omit, he must preach righteousness; what ever theories he may hold, he must insist up on righteousness. No correctness of opinion no soundness of faith, no orthdoxy of teach ing will compensate for neglect of this great principle. The world has been cursed by men who proclaimed their thumbworn theohes and petty opinions while winking at iniq uities, and conniving at crimes. And men need lolearn that, while in every nation "he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is ac cepted," no faith, no devotion, no profession will supply the lack of this great requisite, for "he that doeth righteousness is rightons," and "he that committeth sin is of the devil."- The Christian.

"Pa, are you in favor of the Bible in publie schools?" asked a West Side youngster at the breakfast table the other morning. "Why, of course I am," responded the father, pleased that such an important subject should engage the attention of his youthful offspring. What makes you ask such a question, my son!" "Oh! nothing," rejoined young hopeful hever have had one at home."

Two Errands to the Throne.

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A KIND word costs but little, but it is spoken all day.

First that over a rebellious world; which first, that we may obtain mercy, or pardon of which have lived in your heart through gressions. Second, that we may find grace or favor to halve and the before we can be blessed; we must leave the love, those Christ would have us save. production and friends before we can expect favor from God. We may come boldly to obtain mercy. spared spared son of God. We may come boldly to obtain mercy. God has invited us. His Word gives us war-God has invited us. His Word gives us war-theorems which the made the shape of God in Him;" and which the familiar sword which the encourages us, and throughout the entire gospel the invitations are sounding in our ears, "Whosoever will" come let him come. and "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no nowise cast out." nowise cast out." Hence, we may "come boldly" seeking pardon and mercy which is freely given to all who come in the name of Jesus Christ.

Having thus come boldly and abtained mercy, we may then, in every hour of need or trial, seek at God's hand for grace, or fa vor, to help in time of need. A little help "in time of need" is often of great impor tance. A favor granted, a gift bestowed, a helpful words spoken to cheer a weary heartthese are most important and most helpful of other helps are freely granted.

grace? In their trials the Heavenly Helper labor to which such joy cannot fail to lead. is at hand. In their sorrow he is most kindly and sympathetic, for he is touched with the and he knows how to help and succor those who are in any trouble.

Happy are they who learn the blessed way Lord as their Saviour, find him, henceforth a never failing friend, a gracious comforter, a present help in every time of need and trouble.-Selected.

Our own Faults.

LET us not be over-anxious about the failings of others, but take account of our own: let us bear in mind the excellencies of other men, while we reckon up our own faults, for by the latter he is carried up to arrogance, through the former he falls into listlessness. For when he perceives that such an one hath sinned, very easily he will sin himself; when he perceives he hath in aught excelled, very easily he becometh arrogant, He who con signs to oblivion his own excellencies, and looks at his failings only, whilst he is a curiobtained the good change kindness of our will come up in the first resurrection. Lord Jesus Christ .- Chrysostom.

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Unsuccessful Workers

Desponding Christians do not make sucssful workers or valiant soldiers. Hearts" and "Ready-to-Halts" and "Little-Faiths" win no battles, and wear no crowns. They are so occupied with themselves, with their own experiences, their own evidences, their changing moods and feelings, that they have no time for manly, noble service. They good word spoken, a guiding hand outstretch ed, wise counsel given, encouraging and faith;" and having performed them they are so intent upon analyzing them, in order to ascertain whether they be all of the exact qualin time of need,-and these and multitudes ity or quantity which will recommend them to God, that they leave no space for "joy in Who will come boldly to the throne of believing," and no room for the large-hearted

Tossed up and down on the waves of unbelief, like Paul's ship in Adria, they are in feeling of our infirmities, and he has been fear of perpetual shipwreck, and have no tempted in all things like we are, yet with heart to work. Shutting their eyes against out sin. In all our afflictions he is afflicted the light, they grope their way uncertainly, and cannot run the race. Afraid to believe, but not afraid to doubt; afraid to trust, but of peace and rest, and who, coming first to the and making that a reason for doubting God; putting away peace, and giving full scope to gloom; refusing light, but letting darkness reign within them, -- they are not in a condition to do hard work-nay to do any work at

Strength comes from joy, and of that joy they have none. They refuse both food and medicine, and they become lean and sickly. They are fitter for the hospital, than for the battle field. They seem, too, to get more and then we shall be well-pleasing to God. For more emaciated, though the food provided is he who looks at the faults of others, and at abundant. Laboring under what physicians his own excellencies, is injured in two ways; call atrophy, the more they eat the less they seem to be fed.-Bonar.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.-Psa. 116: 15.

Cogdill.—Died at North Bend, Neb., Sept ous engineer of the excellencies, not the sins II, 1888, of consumptior, Sister Emma B, ots engineer of the constant of others, is profitable in many ways. And Cogdill, aged 22 years. Sister Emma resided of others, is promable. When he sees that in Stanberry, Mo. before moving to Neb, such an one hath done excellently, he is and was a member of the Alanthus Grove raised to emulate the same; when he sees church. She started while young to serve that he himself hath sinned, he is rendered the Lord, and with her mother kept the Sabthat he himself had. If we act thus, if we bath which was set apart in Eden. She sleeps humble and models. She sleeps thus regulate ourselves, we shall be able to the sleep that knows no awakening till the thus regulate dot things which we are prom-trump of God shall sound and then, if worthy,

She leaves a husband, father, mother, broth-It is not desirable to be one of those men ers and sisters to mourn her loss; but they

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TTEMS OF INTEREST.

- -Mr. Sankey hopes to go to England in October for evangelistic work.
- -The courts of Kansas have decided that hard cider is an intoxicating drink.
- -At Spokane Falls, M. T., a fire on the 15th destroyed property valued at \$100,000.
- -In the business portion of Florence, Wis., fifty-six buildings were destroyed by fire on the 15th.
- -It is said that the marriage of the young to about ten quarts. Emperor of China will cost some \$6,000.000.
- -Through the death of an elder brother the husband of Nellie Grant has gained abundant riches.
- -Oregon's peach crop is reported the best, both in size and quantity, that that State ever produced.
- -Charles L. Bodendieck, an Anarchist, was caught manufacturing bombs in Chicago on the 14th.
- -Four Trenton (N. J.) Sunday liquor-sel lers were recently sentenced to six months in the county jail.
- -The Topeka Capital estimates that Kan sas has saved not less than \$12,000,000 since her prohibitory law went into effect.
- Of the seventeen patients admitted to Bellevue Hospital, New York, Monday, Sept. 2, nine were found suffering from alcoholism.
- -Reports from the interior of California show much greater damage was done grapes by the recent warm weather than was at first reported.
- -At Winfield, O., on the 14th Richard Jones, while sick with typhoid fever, cut his throat in the presence of his wife and mother because they would not permit his children to see him.
- -Ar a meeting of soldiers and sailors in London, to take action on the death of General Sheridan, Lord Wolseley said: "I felt as proud of his achievement as if he had been commissioned by the Queen instead of by the President."
- -Andrew Ruhl, a farmer living near Man chester, Mo., while in a drunken rage on the 15th visited the house of Fred Fink, a neighbor, shot him and his sister Minnie fatally and then returned home and killed himself
- -In the National flouring-mill in Cleveland, O, an explosion on the 15th caused a loss of \$125,000 and the death of Peter Seier man and Emil Husgen. Four other men were injured.

-While the oldest daughter of Byrd Smith, of Devine Station, Texas, was attempting to start a fire on the 15th with kerosene oil the In sending stamps to this office in payment or subscription, tracts, or pamphleta send 25.

-Reliable information regarding yield of wheat crops in all parts of the American producer. There is increasing ev idence of the bad quality and light weight of As this will be an important meeting we hope to see a good attendance of the members of the Conference. England, and that country will import at least 170,000,000 bushels, while the shortage in France is estimated at 95,000,000 bushels. There is also a failure of the potato crop in England and Ireland, and the United States will be expected to export as least \$3,000,000 bushels.

-THE International Association, having for its aim the mitigation of the evils of in temperance, is to hold its next session in 1889 at Cristianna, Norway is making great progress in the cause of temperance and restrictive legislation with regard to the consumption of intoxicating drinks appears to have been attened with the most satisfactory results. About fifty years ago the annual consumption of alcoholic liquors per head of the population was estimated at about seventeen quarts; at present it is only three quarts. Sweden is advancing as rapidly as Norway, but there is much greater room for reform. She has succeeded in reducing her annual consumption from fifty two quarts

to about ten quarts.

—Jacksonville, Fla., continues' to suffer under the ravages of that terrible scourge, the yellow fever. The cause of the outbreak now is said to be the failure last year to destroy the infected clothing. "The saving of a few dollars has cost the State the loss of nearly a hundred lives in that city alone, and hundreds of thousands of dollars. There have been seven hundred cases of yellow fever in Jacksonville, and to the distress and death must be added the sufferings and de privations of quarantine, and the cessation of business and traffic. When the infection has once taken hold of a city only frost will stop it." Various cities and localities are raising funds to aid the destitute and suffering.

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