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#### From Darkness to Light,

ORA PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS AND EXPERIENCES.

BY ALBERT SMITH. (Continued.)

CHAPTER IX. SABBATH HISTORY,

THE Sabbath has been made "for man," not merely for the Jew

He claims the Lordship of it who died for me and Then let us honor Jesus in the Seventh day, his

and if we have to ask for bread He will not give

a stone. Mark 2: 27, 28.

We may be persecuted by worldlings, or "the church.

Which always has been ready to light the martyr's torch; But those who're persecuted for the sake of right-

The Savior calls them "blessed," and He himself will bless. Matt. 5:11.

He was despised, rejected, by priests and "pious'

And shall we be excepted before he comes again?

They excommunicated his followers in the

Nor will they tolerate them down to the very last! 2 Tim. 3:1, 11, 12.

Walk in the Savior's footsteps, who magnified the The apostles and first Christians his bright ex-

They prayed that when the Romans would make them flee a way,

It might not be in winter nor on the Sabbath day. Isa. 42:21; Luke 21:20, 21; Matt. 24:20.

For twenty hundred Sabbaths they offered prayers sincere.

and when the "Abomination" came-which yet may reappear !-

Their prayer was fully answered, they all escaped away,

Their flight was not in winter nor on the Sabbath day! Matt. 24: 20, 15; Zed. 14: 1, 3; Luke 21: 20, 21.

But others, persecutors, now met a different

Messiah they had murdered, and sealed up Hades'

And in Jerusalem besieged they found a living tomb. Deut 28: 52; Luke 21: 20, 22; Jer.

and when one contury of years was almost past

Indeed for three long centuries, as history makes

Till a Lacdicean Council cursed those who dared

to do! Rev. 3: 14-16. But now professing multitudes would make the

rong seem right : Yet every faithful Christian will walk by faith

To keep all God's commandments and Rome's traditions choose. Ezek. 23:2; Matt. 7: 13; Mark 17:7; 2 Tim. 3:5.

Him ;

And every form of worship is but a form of sin Unless it be in harmony with his revealed

the law fulfill. Ex. 20: 5; and 34: 14; Isa. 1:12: Mark. 7:7.

"Apostasy" is being now written on the wall,

eall: "Come out of her my people," that mighty an-

gel cries, For lo! her judgment's coming like thunder in the skies! 2 Thess. 2: 3 1 Tim. 4: 1; Rev. 14:8; and 18:2, 4.

Oh! let us heed the warning, the truth and love obey;

day :

But soon the unbelieving, and all who love a rusalem to battle. . lie.

With the fearful, and rebellious, the second death shall die. Rev. 20:15; and 21:8

(To be continued.)

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## God's Word Fulfilled.

BY MINNIE SHERRILL.

(Concluded.)

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Jarrat and Sabbath Sarvate, "Remembered" still the Lord's day, on Patmos and and lone:

And as that exile worshiped, the angel of the Church of the Lord.

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Lit up the desert island, with Paradise restored:

Rev. 1: 9, 10: 2: 7; and 22: 1, 2.

Rev. 1: 9, 10: 2: 7; and 22: 1, 2. redemption from the condition to which they known,
Till Constantine's first Sunday law—in honor of that "the seed of the woman, (which is Christ) The early faithful Christians all kept the Sabbath true.

should bruise the serpents nead. Should bruise the serpents nead. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also believed true. in this promised seed, for he prophesied saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints." Jude 14. Unto Abraham, the father of the faithful, the Lord said-"In thy seed shall the nations of the earth be blest." Gen. 22:18. The apostle Paul ex-In vain is all their worship who knowingly re- plains the promise, that the Lord made to Abraham thus: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds as of many, but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal. 3:16. Throughout the holy Bible where is there one too bears record to this faith. Of him Paul To keep the first day holy, a rest for heart and says, "By faith Moses, when he was come to hand?
But the Seventh day, the Sabbath, the Lord has aoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer afclaimed his own;
And those who keep God's precepts shall by this

fliction with the people of God, than to enjoy
the pleasure of sin for a season; esteeming mark be known. Matt. 12:8; Heb. 4:4; Rev. 14:1, 12; and 7: 3. Heb. 10:16. the treasures of Egypt; for he had respect Our God is very "jealous" of the honor due to unto the recompense of the reward." Heb. 11: 24-26.

Thus we find that all the prophecies given relating to earth and man are based upon And offered up in faith through Him who did Christ the Savior and Redeemer of the world. God's word, in part, regarding Christ has been fulfilled. His birth, life, death and resurrection, are facts so well attested, as given And "Babylon is fallen"-shall be the angel's in the New Testament, that little need be said of them. But there is one point regarding Christ's life I wish to notice particularly, and that is his first advent. The prophets foretold two advents of the Lord Jesus Christ. In one phase of his advent he is shown as a conquering King. Thus Zechariah speaks of him, "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, We still can hope for mercy while it is called "to- and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee, for I will gather all nations against Je-. . Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against these nations as when he fought in the day of battle." Zech. 14:23. Again it was prophecied, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Jer. 23:5. Again we read that "his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth; yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him." Ps. 72:8-11. It was from these prophecies THAT redemption through Christ has been foreshowing the glorious reign of the Messiah, THAT redemption directly the divine that the Jews as a nation looked for an all the faith and hope of centerta male abun-record throughout all ages the Bible abun-conquering king to come in majesty and powrecord throughout are ago that Christ is er, and take the dominion of the world. It is y proves, and also such a which all unnecessary to give the judgments and chasfoundation, or basis upon which all unnecessary to give the judgments and chasthe Toundardon, the hopes of mankind are tisements that have rested upon Israel for prophecy and all the hopes of mankind are tisements that have rested upon Israel for prophecy and all the hopes of mankind are tisements that have rested upon Israel for prophecy and all the hopes of mankind are and all the hopes of their would be ages, on account of their wickedness, their redid not return unto him void; but prospered in the thing whereto he sant it." The did not return unto him void but prospered when the sixty-nine weeks would expire, they when the sixty-nine weeks would expire, they to their blindness, honestly rejected Christ, for they looked, as before stated, for a control of the local transfer of the local t they looked, as before stated, for a royal king in power to rule. In all ages they have been faithful watchmen on that one line of proph-

Ridley Herschell, a Jew, thus describes their Passover feast:-

"In the celebration of the passover two large cups are filled with wine. One of these is taken by the master of the house and a blessing pronounced. After this blessing, the head of the family gives the cup to all those sitting around. He then brings forth the hidden cake, and distributes a piece to each. The second cup of wine, called Elijah's cup, is then placed before him; the door is opened and a solemn pause of expectation ensues. is at this moment the Jews expect that the coming of Elijah will take place, to announce the glad tidings that Messiah is at hand. Well do I remember the interest with which, when a boy, I looked towards the door, hoping that Elijah might really enter; for notwithstauding the disappointment year after year, his arrival is still confidently expect-

Yes, after eighteen hundred years have elapsed, Israel is still looking for their Messiah to come in power and majesty to reign.

The other phase of Christ's advent is shown by the prophet Isaiah He says, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. He also foretells the suffering which Christ should endure; and his meek and humble life during his earthly ministry. He shows the life of this wonderful child called Immanuel, from his birth to his manhood. He was to grow up a tender plant; a bruised reed should he not break, and the smoking flag should he not quench; thus showing his general character to be that of meekness and mildness. At manhood he was to become a preacher according as it was written of him. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach unto the meek; he hath sent me bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of ven-geance of our God, and to comfort all that According to the law of the Levitical priesthood, Christ could not preach the "acceptable year of the Lord," until he was thirty years of age, as we find in Num. 4: 3, 4, 23, 30, 35, 39, 43, 47. And from this fact, the Jews were enabled to tell the exact year when Christ should be born. The angel Gabriel, whom God commanded to make the vision plain, had fully described to Daniel, one of the prophets, the events as they should take place in the sixty-nine weeks up to the coming of Messiah the prince. Know therefore and understand, that from the going fourth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, unto Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks and three score and two weeks: the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublous times. Dan. 9:25. The Jews knew positively according to their own records in what year the commandment had been given to restore and build Jerusalem, and as they gazed at Jerusalem and saw

Regarding knew that the streets and walls had been God's word built by the streets and walls had been ing to the predictions given. Regarding knew that the streets and walls had been knew that the streets and knowing too built in troublous times, and knowing too built in troublous times, would expire, they until he was thirty years of age according to "From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, shalt thou Levitical law. number, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation." Num. 4:30. This was the age and time of the Levitos' service. Sixty-nine weeks represented 483 years, and 30 years from 483 years gave the time of Christ's birth just 453 years from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusa-From history we find that the event exactly corresponds with the prediction. That many of the Jews knew the year when Christ should be born, is shown by many historians. Cornelius Tacitus speaks of the event thus:-

"From the Jewish prophets the Pagan sibyls gave out their oracles, so that the expectation was universal. This so terrified the Roman Senate, that they made a decree that none born that year should be educated." Alexander Campbell says:-

"But so clearly was the event predicted and so general was the knowledge of it through the Septuagint version of the Jewish Scriptures, then read through the Roman empire, that the expectation became general, that at this time some wonderful personage was to be born who would put the world under a new government. This singular fact shows that the prophecies concerning the time in which the Messiah should be born, were so plain in the estimation of all who read them as to preclude all doubts as to the time of the

Messiah.' Even a heathen oracle had declared to Augustus, that the greatest foe to the Roman power was a child to be born to the Hebrews. (Landmarks of History.) We find that the aged Simeon and Anna, were daily in the temple fasting and praying, awaiting the Messiah. And unto Simeon the Holy Ghost revealed that he should not see death until he had seen the Lord's Christ. The wise men came from the east knowing from the prophecy the time when Christ should be born. They were called wise because they understood, and interpreted prophecy aright. Daniel also says, that the wise shall understand at the time of the end. Dan. 12:9, 10. Christ was baptized when about thirty (Luke 2:23), and commenced preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. In the three and a half years of his ministry, were fulfilled Isaiah's prediction concerning the latter part of his

"He was dispised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; he was dispised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. And the Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his

these, showing their literal fulfillment according to the predictions given. Regarding beautiful that the city and temple were restored, and people (the Jews) was he stricken. And he people in the p

He hath poured his soul unto death, and he was numbered with the transgressors, and he was industrial of many, and made integrand he bare the sin of many, and made integrand cession for the transgressors. Isa. 53:3.12 This part of the two-fold prophecy, on

This part of the advent has been fulfilled phrase of the Christ came unto his own, and his own, re. Christ came unto ceived him not. John 1: 11. But let us not ceived him how too severely, for had we liv. ed at that time and knowing nothing of the long ages intervening between the two adlong ages into two advents, we too might have rejected him. The vents, we too has overlooked the suffering Jews as harrow Christ, and rook the world in right, coursess as many of the prophecies declared eousness as man, Their rejection of Christ brought upon them Then rejection and affliction. But are they ages of sorrow and they forever cast off from God's favor? Let us see what saith the Scriptures. Paul, a Hebrew of the tribe of Benjamin, says, "God hath not east away his people which he fore. knew ; for if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiv. ing of them be, but life from the dead; for 1 would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." Rom. 11: 2, 15, 25. Concerning Israel the Lord says through his prophets, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and the house of Judah. This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days saith the Lord,, I will put my law in their inward parts; and will write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people, and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying know the Lord, for they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. Thus saith the Lord, if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord." Jer. 31-31-37. Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and I will gather them on every side and bring them unto their own land, and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all." Ezek, 37:21:22.

Another prophecy of note, concerning Israel, deserves great attention, just at the present time, as it is one of the given waymarks whereby, when we see its fulfillment, we may know just where we stand in the world's history. The prophet Jeremiah says: "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but the Lord liveth, which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, (Russia) and from all countries whither I had driven shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and he was cut off out of the land land. Jer. 23: 7, 8. This prophecy is given in connection with the coming of Messiah.

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to know that the time has now come when not only with the stubborn earth and ele-God, himself will deliver them from all their ments, but with our fellows. troubles forever. That Esdras is held in grasping, self-centered, self-absorbed spirit, high esteem, as one of their sacred books; we find evidence in Judges. Noah's address to his often repeated, "I must look after myself." Israelite brethren in "the Jewish Chronicle," of Jan. 1849. He says: "the Jews bore from the flaming temple the laws of Moses, and the thus primarily and exclusively look on our sacred rolls Esdras, now in their possession. Esdras certainly deserve the distinction of a ships, no less than revelation, forbid it. Nay, prophet, for he has foreshown minutely, in it is these verythings rendered impossible detail, and portrayed more vividly, the present time, and condition of the people of the world, than any of the prophets. We have found the prophets and Esdras testifying that Israel shall be restored to God's favor again, and as we continue our search, that we find Christ and the apostles also taught the restoration of Israel. Unto the Samaritan woman Christ said, "Salvation is of the Jews;" and when conversing with his apostles, Peter said unto him, "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee, what shall we have therefore? Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribos of Israel." Matt. 19: 27, 28. Paul taught that blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the times of the Gentiles be come in; and out of his capacities and opportunities only so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written by serving others. The farmer can acquire there shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn ungodliness away from Jacob. The writer can attain position and money

Rom. 11: 25, 26. ians of all nations, are now looking for the their tracks where they will serve the largest The believing Jews, and watchful Christfrom prophet to prophet, through the past himself in proportion as he saves time, labor, himself in proportion as he saves time, labor, ages, and find that their predicted events and money for others. These may all do have been fulfilled, down to the coming of their work with a view, primarily, to their Messiah, of whom it was said, "The heaven own proper enrichment; but they cannot be must receive until the times of restitution successful without looking "also on the of all things which God hath spoken by the gan." Acts 3: 31. Christ's mission of restitution in the control of the prophets since the world be level. He does good with a view not to his level. He does good with a view not to his level. He does good with a view not to his level. Acts 3: 31. Christ's mission of restution is to restore the earth to its Edenic own profit mainly, not to his own profit at own profit mainly, not to his brethren. That Purity, and man to a perfected condition.

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before him." Isa. 40: .10. Note in this verse that the work of the Lord is performed after he comes. The time is now at hand. We are living in the most grand and sublime age of the world, an age fraught with great and portentious events. time" spoken of by Daniel; the waiting time, It is the "consuming of the parable of the ten virgins; and the joyful, earnest watch of the gospel. May all who believe God's word be prepared for all who believe God's word be prepared for his coming. For he has said that "his word shall not return to the has said that "h shall not return unto him void, but it shall accomplish that which he please, and it accomplish that which he please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto he sen't

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#### Look not Every One on his Own Things.'

THE temptation to selfishness is ingrained in our very nature. The necessities of our life have a tendency to force it into fuller view and to develop its stronger activity. We must eat and drink and dress, and these necessities of ours are also necessities of every one else. Under present circumstances it seems as if the necessities of life, to say no word at all of its comforts and elegancies, Blessed promise to Israel. How comforting must be made matter of struggle and conflict, So grows the which finds its expression in the maxim so I, for my part, do not believe in the necessity since it was not God's design that we should own things. Our environment and relationthat a man should so absolutely limit his vision. So, we perceive, this selfish spirit misreads the design and law of God.

To the brute alone is it possible to look only on his own things. The lion may track and seize his prey, the squirrel hoard his nuts, and the fox steal his chickens on his own behalf merely. But there are also many instances, as of the beaver, the bee, the ant, in which even brutes and insects, by the very constitution of their nature, are mutually helpful. The domestic animals are still further subject to the law that, to obtain, one must serve. Man in his lowest state of savagery develops, at least in rough outline, a common weal in which his own weal is involved.

When we reach civilized man, we find this principle much further developed. The civilized man can make the most for himself wealth only by producing food for others. only by producing what will instruct or amuse others. The railroad companies lay number, and an inventor makes money for

The Christian man attains a yet higher

business, since that is the way in which God has appointed us to fulfil his will in things physical and intellectual, to produce or distribute the good he designs for all. It will make us diligent in more purely spiritual duties, since we are to make known and felt the riches of his grace.

Understanding these facts, we may also understand and carry out the motto, "Not to be served, but to serve."-- Golden Rule.

#### The Child Spirit.

THE commendations of spiritual child-like ness in the Scriptures are too numeras and emphatic to be considered merely accidental. Evidently they were spoken with a purpose They embody a principal which the Holy Spirit deemed important, and which Jesus, while in the flesh, was careful to enforce with the weight of his own authority and approval.

This is due to the very nature of the relations between our Creator and ourselves We are his children, whether we are willing to admit the fact or not, and therefore childlikeness is the only spirit which is becoming Too many regard themselves as having reached adult years in comparison with God, as truly as with their fellow men. They do not realize that, far though they may have advanced beyond the powers and attainments of human childhood, they nevertheless are, and in this life always must be, almost as helpless and needy of enlightenment and guidance, as are the babes who prattle to them in their homes. They do not presume, of course, to suppose their wisdom or experience equal to the divine, but they show plainly, that they regard God as bound to treat them with deferential consideration, because of their attainments.

Nobody who feels like this, understands God or himself rightly, and nobody can understand God or himself rightly, who does not regard God as a child regards its father. There is an element of humility in this childlikeness, and it also includes a sense of dependence, and a firm and loyal trust, based upon deep affection. It involves the conviction that God knows best about all things, and that his guidance should be followed implicitly. The reason that spiritual childlikeness is impressed so earnestly upon us in the Bible, is because it means exactly that selfdistrust, in the best sense, and that readiness to obey, which are the essentials of Christian vitality and advance. But those are repugnant to the mind of him who has not entirely dedicated himself to God's ser-

It has been conspicuously noticeable throughout the past, that the most beloved and emminent Christians have been characterized by this child like spirit. Many among them have been acknowledged leaders of mankind. They have won fairly, power, fame, wealth, or all these, and have used them wisely and well. Honors of many a sort have crowned them. Yet amid everything they have remained simple, unaffected, modest, and devout, constantly and reverently looking up to their Heavenly Father for help, and seeming to feel that the more earthly honors are heaped upon them, the more they need the blessing and aid of God. The spiritual child-likeness is entirely consistent with the highest sense of personal dignity, and with the utmost vigor and sagacity of character,-Congregational Magazine.

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

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#### Did Moses Write the Ten Commandments on the Tables of Stone?

An inquirer has asked us the above question, and we shall try and give a candid answer, taking the Bible as our authority to settle the point of inquiry. There are those who are trying to pull down the law of God, who say that Moses wrote the ten command-ments on the tables of stone. We have no doubt that Moses, during his lifetime, wrote the ten commandments in a book; and thousands of others since then have done likewise

But, did Moses write the ten commandments on the tables of stone? We say he did not, and the following texts of scripture positively declare that God did the writing: "And the Lord said unto Moses. Come up to me unto the Mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments, which I have written; that thou mayest teach them." Ex. 24:12. "And he gave unto Moses when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone written with the finger of God," Ex. 31:18. "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables," Ex. 32:16. "And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; Deut. 4:13. "When I was gone up into the and the 28th verse says he did. and he wrote them upon two tables of stone, mount, to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I neither did eat bread nor drink water; and the Lord delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words which the Lord spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly," Deut. 9:9, 10. "At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make an ark of wood; and I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, And having the two tables in mine hand. he wrote on the tables according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount, out of the fire, in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them unto me," Deut. 10:1, 4.

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But how many texts are there therefive? uncomplaining. In the life of every man No. Three? No. One? No. If one text said there are seasons of special tribulations that so then the Bible would contradict itself. demand special courage and fortitude, and it the language in Ex. 34: 28 is relied on to is his duty to be prepared forthem. They The language in Ex. 34: 20 is related to the ten command-constitute an appointed part of the struggle, prove that Moses wrote the ten command prove t was there with the Lord forty days and forty dealing with them depends that struggle, nights; he did neither eat bread nor drink

To act a brave and steadfast part is to light-

Advent and Sabbath Advocate. water; and he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten command-words of the covenant, the ten command-words of the covenant, the settle is, does the pronoun "he" in the text refer to Moses as its antecedent, or does it refer to God?

That we must be very careful in looking up the connection in deciding the antecedents of pronouns is clearly shown in the following "And again the anger the Lord was kindled against Israel; and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah." 2 Sam. 24: 1. Here the pronoun he would naturally refer to the Lord, making God the one who moved David to number Israel. Yet the connection shows that this was not the case. In the margin it is Satan. The 10th verse shows that David did that which was contrary to the Lord in numbering Israel. In 1 (hron. 21: 1, we have positive testimony that Satan was the one referred to by the pronoun he. It reads, "And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel.'

In the following quotation we have another case where the connection must decide the antecedent of the pronoun. "And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred four score and five thousand; and when they arose in the morning, behold they were all dead corpses." Again, "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying; Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," Acts This reads as though those who stoned Stephen did the praying, but the connection shows that it was Stephen. Just so in Ex. 34: 28; the connection shows that God did the writing. The first verse of the chapter says that God would write the ten commandments, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

What then becomes of this pet argument that some set so much store by? The Bible simply plucks it up by the roots. Time and again this threadbare theory has been exposed, exploded demolished, overthrown and then buried, but the opposers of God's law will continue to dig up the fragments and the work has to be once more repeated. May the Lord pity them.

#### Pluck And Success.

ONE of the principal secrets of success is pluck. Where that is lacking, other qualifications are of indifferent service. The habit of giving up spoils many a career that tenacity and perseverance would render fruitful and creditable, A resolute adherance to the idea that victory is a matter of surmounting one obstacle after another, will do more for a man than any of those fine theories of avoidance and non-resistance to which so much value is often attributed. Our system of civ-The above six texts speak out distinctly, ilization is not favorable to schemes of enand cannot be easily misunderstood. They deavor that include the possibility of despair and cannot be easily instance and cannot be easily instance. It is prize to consider that God wrote the law on or surrender in any emergency. Its prizes the first tables, but also on the second tathat quickly recover from strokes of misfor-But how many texts are there that say Moses tune, and go onward again, undismayed and

en the burden and to gain strength instead of en the burden was useless of all practices losing it. The most useless of all practices is that of quarreling with fate; and the man is that of quarrenties and the man of success accepts the situation, whatever it of success accepts the same of whatever it may be, and tightens his armor for further conflict. - Exchange

## Ho, Every One That Thirsteth

THE call, "Ho, every one that thirsteth THE call. The come ye to the waters, and he that hath no come ye to the water and eat; yea, come money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come money, come ye, say without money and buy wine and milk, without money and buy wine and is prophetic of the declarawithout price, to the woman at the well of tion of Christ to the woman at the well of Samaria, namely, "Whosever drinketh of Samaria, namely, the water that I shall give him shall never the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up

into everlasting life."

The call is not Ho, every one that longs to be saved from punishment, or desires to to be saved from the ills to which flesh is heir, Dread of punishment for transgression of the divine law is implanted in every human breast, and "man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward." The call is to those who thirst after the waters of the well of salvation, which heal the malady of sin-the chief, if not the only cause, of whatever evil

The call is universal. If sin is a burden. here is relief. Here the burden becomes light, and the yoke easy. This is the language of Scripture, and there is no book so simple, or so easily understood as the Bible. What is required everybody can understand, Omniscience discerns the state of the heart, and the Holy spirit enlightens the mind of the searcher for truth. The prophetic call is to stop, to go no farther in the way of sin, which can never satisfy the thirsty soul. Let us heed, then, the blessed invitation, and come to the waters. It requires no money, and no price is demanded. The only condition is that you are athirst. If you are hungry, you may eat; if thirsty, drink. Nothing in the wide world is so simple as the gospel message, and its reception confers blessings which nothing else can bestow. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. The waters from the well of salvation quench the thirst, and the blood of Christ purifies from sin. To those who drink thereof and are washed, and to such only, God manifests himself as the God of love. They shall see God and live forever.

The call is natural, simple and significant. Sinners are traveling life's road. They are panting for something which shall satisfy longing desires. But they have taken the wrong course. They are passing through a dry and thirsty land-an arid desert. Along the way there are no well-springs. They look therefore in vain for what will quench the thirst. Now a heavenly call arrests their attention. "Ho, every one," says a voice from above, "you need thirst no more; come to the waters that I will give you which shall now and forever allay your thirst and satisfy the longing soul." Who will listen and

#### Ripeness in Character.

One mark is beauty. Ripe fruit has its own perfect beauty. As the fruit ripens, the sun tints it with surpassing loveliness, and the colors deepen till the beauty of the fruit is equal to the beauty of the blossom, and in some respects is superior. There is an ripe Christians the b tion, which the name of "beaut Another mar The young, gre The mature Ch

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Those who are quick to censure may be rery acute in judgment, but they are as yet immature in heart. I know we who are young beginners in grace, think ourselves qualified to reform the whole Christian church. We drag her before us, and con demn her straightway; but when our virtues become more mature I trust we shall not be more tolerant of evil, but more tolerant of infirmity, more hopeful for the people of God, and certainly less arrogant in our criticisms. Another and a very sure mark of ripeness is a loose hold of earth. Ripe fruit easily parts from the bough. - Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

#### Do Not Be a Slave.

WHY will you keep caring for what the world says? Try, oh try, to be no longer a slave to it! You can have but little idea of the comfort of freedom from it-it is bliss! All this caring for what people will say is from pride. Hoist your flag and abide by it. In an infinitely short space of time all secrets will be divulged. Therefore, if you are misjudged, why trouble to put yourself right? You have no idea what a great deal of trouble it will save you. Roll your burden on him and he will make straight your mistakes. He will set you right with those with whom you have set yourself wrong. Here am I a lump of clay; thou art the potter. Mould me as thou in thy wisdom wilt. Never mind my cries. Cut my life off-so be it; prolong it -so be it. Just as thou wilt, but I rely on thy unchanging guidance during the trial. 0, the comfort that comes from this! - Gen. Gordon.

#### A Wife's Lucky Accident.

Sometimes what seems to be a very unfortanate accident will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. It is said that tinted paper was first made by an accident, in this way: Mrs. East, the wife of an English paper maker, working on a wash day near a large vat which had in it the pulp from which the paper was to be made, accidentally dropped her bluing bag into it. She thought the paper would be ruined, and was too frightened to tell her husband what she had done. When the paper came out, it had a peculiar tinge, but the workmen could not explain it, so the paper maker sent the whole batch to London, with instructions to sell it for what they could get for it. But when the buyers saw it, they thought it pretty, called it "something new," and orders poured in upon the astonished manufacturer for more of the same Sort. Then the wife confessed what she had done, and we may be sure that she was for given readily, for by her lucky accident her husband's fortune was made; and that is the history of the very simple origin of tinted paper. - Christian Advocate.

## Thy Way, not Mine.

"ALL things work together for good to lose who love God," and again, "No good those who love God," thing will be withhold from them that walk This is God's promise to us, his children. What more can we ask? And what a blessed assurance of a heavenly Father's ruling hand and loving watchful care over us all the days of our lives. Yes, its all things; every little, insignificant event of our lives has its own meaning, its own peculiar part, in his plan for us. Do you say: "Why, then, these trials and afflictions, these miserable failures we so often make?" How long do you think you could lead a consistent Christian character if never reminded of duty or tried of temptation? How could you possibly know how true a soldier you would make if never brought face to face with the enemy?

Suppose we had been left to plow out our own life and course through this world. What should we do? Which way could we turn in our extremity lest we make a mistake? What a rest in the knowledge that a wise, loving God has saved us from this, and planned it

When we reach that point in our lives (and it comes to us all, sooner or later) when all human planning seems at a standstill and we are hedged in on every side, not knowing in a day, contributed last year twenty-seven thousands. our weakness and distress, which way to turn, and dollars to mission work. then we can look to our Father to "lift up" the light of His countenance upon our pathway, to lead us safely out, as did the pillar of fire and of cloud the children of Israel, never failing, if we but follow on.

Let us, then, trust His guiding hand, praying for strength, lest in our blindness and waywardness, we thwart His purpose.

Let us take Him at His Word and cast from us the feeling that perhaps some things may work for good, but live in the belief that everything will work together for our good, because he has told us so .- Christian at Work.

#### The Life of Christ.

In Christ everyone finds an object worthy of his powers, in His life a standard no one has ever reached, in His purity an excelence to which no one has ever attained. All who make a study of Christ's life and teachings stand in wonder and awe before the gigantic figure revealed. Renan finishes his "Life of Jesus" with these words: "Jesus will never be surpassed; His sonship will be revered without ceasing; His story will draw tears from beautiful eyes without end; His sufferings will touch the finest natures; all the ages will proclaim that among the sons of

\_Christian Enquirer.

If the soul of a Christian be ever "trans-If the soul of a centred in the hurry and vanity performed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must formed by a renewing of his mind," it must formed by a renewing of his mind, "it must form his wedbe, not while he is in the hurry and vanity of the world below, but when he leaves the of the world below, but steps of his dear world, and following the steps of his dear world, and following the steps of his dear great discovery. It is a rear of the steps of another world, and following the steps of his deal great discovery. It is a race of brains to see who will be the first to enable you to stand at one end Lord and Master, ascends by faith to the Mount of Transfiguration, and on his knoes of a wire and to see what is going on at the other before God, remembering it is written, "While before God, remembering it is written, "While he prayed he was transfigured."—Bp. Horne.

SYMPATHY is one of our finest developments of human character. Who has not known and felt its sweet influences? In dark hours of grief, when the poor heart bleeds—and whose has not some time?—how tenderly soothing are the kind tones or tears or acts which indicate sympathy with our sorrow! Human nature rarely opproxi-mates so nearly the divine as when it thus gives proof that the tide of others' woes reaches and moves it .- G. C. Baldin

#### Items of Interest.

The population of Maryland is placed at 1,040,303, an increase of of 105,360 in ten years

-Dr, Gates, of Shanhai, says the Chinese pay \$154,752,000 to quiet the spirits of the dead.

-An explosion at Linn recently, caused considerable damage to the Electric Light Company.

-The State Geologist says the iron ore fields of Eastern Texas will yield 4,000,000 tons to the square mile.

-Cargoes of Maine ice cannot be sold for enough to pay the freight in New York although consumers are still charged high prices.

-The negro and Indian students of Hampton, Institute, Virginia, do all the printing for this institution, and much of it is very artistic.

-It is reported that Boston, Galveston California parties have secured a grant of 10 500,-000 acres or land in Senora, Mexico, upon which they propose to place colonies of Europeans.

-- Recent trustworthy calculations on the population of the Chinese Empire, by Russian au-thorities, reckon it at three hundred and eightytwo millions, and the annual increase at four million. Not one in ten thousand ever heard of the religion of Jesus Christ.

-It is said that a wealthy gentleman of Liverpool has purchased the Garden of Gethsemane, near Jerusalem, in which the Savior passed the night before his crucifixion. The purchase was made to prevent speculators from carrying out their schemes of building on the sacred grounds a hotel for the accommodation of visitors and tourists in the Holy Land.

-There are about five thousand places where drink is sold in San Francisco, and the saloon keepers last year are reported to have paid for licenses two hundred and forty-seven thousand and sixty-five dollars. This was the income; but it cost the city to care for the drunkard- and paupers which the whiskey made, two million five hundred thousand dollars. The saloon is only a curse.

-On Nov. second, Miss Lizzie O. Smith died at Willimantic, Conn. She was born in Eighteen Thirty-Two, and was in good health till eleven years old when a disease developed, settling in her limbs, making her a helpless invalid. Nearly fifty-five years she was confined to her bed, and the cheerful manner in which she bore her sufferings all these years caused her to be known as the "Modern Martyr."

-To-day thirty-four missionary societies are at work in Africa, and all its two million souls are practically within the reach of Christian missions; thirty-three societies have begun work in ages will proclaim that among the sons of China, and all its three hundred and fifty milmen there has not arisen a greater than Jesus." Gospel: more than 50% India, and the light is dawning upon its two hundred and fifty million; Turkey and Persia and Japan are filling with mission churches and mission schools.

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## John The Baptist And Jesus.

"THEN cometh Jesus unto Galilee unto John to be baptized of him." Matt. 3: 13, 17.

Believe him whom the Lord has sent, To tell the people to repent, To turn away from every sin; If they a crown of life would win.

No costly garments does he wear, Nor does he feast on priestly fare, But in the wilderness he dwells, And of a coming Savior tells.

A prophet full of holy zeal, He makes a long and loved appeal, To men of every name and race. To meekly seek converting grace.

He by the Jordan's waters stands, And there declares the law demands, It is repent and be baptized, And to a righteous life arise,

He claims no honor for himself, Nor does he seek the worldly help, He points men to the Lamb of God, The holy, pure, incarnate Word.

And when that word to him applies, Like other men to be baptized, John hesitates and says, I need, To be baptized of thee indeed.

Obedient to the Father's will, We must all righteousness fulfill, So "suffer it to be so now, 'Neath Jordan's waters let me bow."

As John performed the sacred rite, As bright winged dove of purest white, Descending from the skies doth rest, Upon the Holy one and blest.

Then from Heaven there comes a voice, That makes the heart of John rejoice, This is my well beloved Son, Hear him or else you are undone.

Selected by Leeann Prather.

#### Thoughts on the Time of the Judgment and Rewards.

BY D. W. LAMB.

WHAT saith the Scriptures upon this subject? We read, "When the Son of man plain passages of scripture. It is evident, shall come in his glory, and all the holy therefore that the angel which bound the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divid eth his sheep from the goats; and he shall scripture foretells what will take place at "the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus cordingly we read in Rev. 22:12, "And, be-King say unto them on his right hand, Come, 2:7. ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom Let us look at another description of the

immortality." 1 1 Thess, 4:16, 17.

The wicked shall be punished when he comes, both the living and the dead. "Then shall be contained to be left band." shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41. See also 2 Thess. 1:7, 9. "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with ever lasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." Thus we find that every man, both the righteous and the wicked, the living and the dead, receive their final reward at the same time, which is at the coming of the Lord. The The same events are brought to view in Rev. 20:11, 15. "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and were written in the books, according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Here again the reward of both the righteous and the wicked, the living and the dead is clearly brought to view as taking place at the same time, and its chronological place is after the season of torment (not death) allotted to those earthly powers spoken of and symbolized by the terms "devil," "beast" and "false prophet."

be understood in such a way as to contradict himself, and the dragon that old serpent which is the devil and Satan, is not the literal the beasts in prophecy, which symbolize organand behold a great red dragon, having seven the second advent of the Son of man after heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. Rev. 12:3. This dragon doubt-21:24. Who are the "all nations," and for less represents an earthly kingdom, which what purpose are they gathered? "I charge is also called "serpent" "devil" and "Second which terms are used to represent the religi-Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead ous character of the power or powers thus at his appearing and his kingdom." 2 Tim. 4:1. symbolized. But how the literal, personal The "all nations," then, that are gathered at devil is disposed of, let Jude tell us, see ver. that time to be judged, must embrace both 6, "And the angels that kept not their first all the living and the dead and all that have estate, but left their own habitation, he hath ever lived on the earth of Adam's race. Ac reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." hold, I come quickly and my reward is with bound for a thousand years only, but until me, to give every man according as his work the judgment day. "For if God spared not shall be." No exceptions; all must include angels that sinned, but cast them down to the whole human race. The righteous are hell, and committed them to chains of darkrewarded when he comes. "Then shall the ness, to be reserved unto judgment." 2 Peter

prepared for you from the foundation of the judgment in the parable of the tares and the world." Verse 34. This includes both the wheat, as explained by the Lord to his diworld." Verse 34. This members both the wheat as supported and said unto them, book, usually our first question is, "Who is

you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, (die) He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good but we shall all the mount in a moment. you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, (die) but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinter of the kingdom: but we shall all be changed, in a moment, are the children of the kingdom: but we shall all be changed. in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump; are the children of the wicked one; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead tares are the children of the wicked one; the children of the wicked one; the children of the wicked one; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead tares are the contaren of the wicked one; shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the be changed. For this corruptible must put harvest is the end of the world; and the reap, on incorruption of the world; and the reap. be changed. For this corruptible must put marvest is the end of the world; and the reap, on incorruption and this mortal must put on ers are the angels. As, therefore, the tares in mortal must put on are gathered and burned in the fire: n and this mortal must put on ers are the angels. As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The man shall send forth his angels, and they man shall gather out of his kingdom all things snan gamer out they which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall east them find gnashing of teeth. Then shall be waning and shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who,hath ears to hear let him hear." Matt. 13: 37, 43.

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Here both the righteons and the wicked Here both the figure time, and not one thousand years apart. "But the heavens and thousand years appeared the earth, which are now by the same word (of God) are kept in store reserved unto fire (of God) are kept in such to see that the fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men \* \* But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. \* \* \* Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." dead, small and great, stand before God; and 2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13. "For behold I create new shall not be remembered nor come into mind the dead were judged out of those things that But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create, for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy." Isaiah 65. 17. Also Rev. 21:4. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away," also Isaiah 66, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another shall No parable or symbolical prophecy should all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me; for their worm dragon (verse 2) is not the Lord Jesus Christ shall not die neither shall their fire be quenched, and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." "For evil doers shall be cut personal devil himself, but is classed among off, but those that wait upon the Lord they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." Matt. 25:31, 33. The above there appeared another wonder in heaven; there appeared another wonder in heaven; diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psa. 37:9.

That the destruction of the wicked, and the reward of the righteous, are both due at the same time and at the second coming of Christ, is abundantly shown in the prophetic word; and the claim that there will be one thousand years intervening between the reward of the two classes is based on an erroneous meaning charged to the first ten verses of Rev. 20, a meaning in conflict with all the plain teaching of the Scriptures on the subject of judgment and rewards. Watch, for the times of the Gentiles are almost ended, and the coming of the Lord is near,

Denver, Mo.

#### Bible Study.

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What an extern what "He who cannot lie" the class here. We have prayer meeting and of God after what the same annother the class here. We have prayer meeting told him on the mount—"The Lord, The every Sabbath evening, and Sabbath-school in the first same and same annother the class here. told him of the first h Lord Gou, and abundant in goodness and truth, igs, and abundant in goodness and truth, chance to hear the truth and accept it. I ing, and anomalous thousands, forgiving ini-keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving ini-keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving ini-lave been trying for several years to live a keeping in transgression and sin, and that Christian, but the way seems more straight and quity and will by no means clear the guilty; visiting narrow than ever before. I wish someone will by no the fathers upon the children, would explain the 39 verse of the 14 chapter the imput, and upon the children's children unto of 1 Cor. I ask you all to pray for myself the third and to the fourth generation." Ex. and family.

What a grand combination of mercy and justice is here expressed! In studying the character of God we must remember he is the perfect embodiment of justice as well as of mercy. His great love for man will not lead him to be unjust; for to pardon sin in anyone without that person's complying with the condition of pardon would place him where he would have to pardon all, no matter how sinful they might be. God is just, as well as a justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Rom. 3: 26. After God has done so much for us, and made the way of salvation so easy, why will we not study his word to find out what he requires of us ?

Chirst says, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." John 5: 39.

So if we wish to become better acquainted with our Savior and his work in connection with the Father, we must study the Bible. Paul's instruction to Timothy was, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2: 15. To heed this instruction we will need "that wiswhile we study, let us pray that God will man can work. Truly the harvest is great, give us wisdom to rightly understand his

affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." And Master prosper, and we are sorry that we ing the truth. Bro. Long, we love the Apvo-Master prosper, and we are the calls that are so need-cannot respond to the calls that are so need-cannot respo erthan all the riches or pleasures of this world, ful, but we hope to be able to do more in ful, but we hope to be able to for it is greated with a large of the Missionary, fully but we hope to be able to do more in ful, but we hope to be able to do more in full for it is greated with the for it is greated with the for it is greated with the form. and show proper respect unto the recompense the future. I know I want a look to look the future and and show proper respect unto the recompense the future. I know I want a look to look the future and and sisters, remember the little church at of the reward, by following in the footsteps that the future and afflictions, still the Lord is our Cresco. Kansas at a the control of the reward, by following in the footsteps the future and afflictions, still the Lord is our Cresco. Kansas at a the control of the reward that the footsteps is the future and afflictions and afflictions are control of the reward, by following in the footsteps the future and afflictions are control of the reward. of our crucified Redeemer, and studying the of trouble and afflictions, still the Lord is our sisters, remember the little church at Cresco, Kansas, at a throne of grace. Your of our crucified Redeemer, and studying the deliverer. word of God to find what he requires of us, and then by his grace and help be willing and obedient, and we shall eat of the good of the land. Isa. 1: 19 .- Sel.

A MAN who was sad heard two boys laugh-

A MAN who was sad heard ing. He asked them:

"What makes you so happy?"
"Rappy?" said the elder of the two, "why, I"
wakes Jim happy and gets happy myself!"
This is the true secret of a happy life: to This is the true secret of a happy life: to so many meetings and also publishing the patron of the live so that by our example, our kind words faithful ones, that we may be faithful till faithful ones, that we may be faithful ones, that we may be faithful till faithful ones, that we may be faithful ones, that we may be faithful ones, the makes life happier here, and the home of the release redeemed will be happier for the company of those we have, by God's help, brought there. SELECTED.

# Letter Department,

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a book of remembrance was a sitten before upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of losts, in that day when I make up my jewels."—Mai. 3: 16.

## From Sister Cyntha Harmon.

DEAR Brethren and Sisters: As I love so much to read the letters in the Advocate, I more sickness, pain, nor death. thought it right that I should give in my testimony. There are so many things explained in the ADVOCATE that before were What an exalted opinion Moses must have mysteries to me. There are nine that belong to

Pauline, Neb.

#### From Sister Lucy Blackmon.

DEAR Brethren and Sisters of like faith: It been has some time since I attempted to write to our beloved paper, the ADVOCATE. Nothing is more encouraging to me than the your pens. The ADVOCATE should be circularead its stirring articles. There are thousands of honest souls who seeking to know the Lord and the free pardon of their sins through the blood of Jesus, that might be brought to a perfect knowledge of the great plan of salvation and be saved through the reading of the Advocate. So we all believe; then how important it is to get subscribers for it; in dopreach. Brethren and sisters, let us go to work in earnest for new subscribers for the whole armor of God, which means to dis-May we, as Moses, choose "rather to suffer charge every duty that God has enjoined upaffliction with the people of God, than to enon us. I know we desire to see cause of our

My health and the health of my husband has been very poor this summer, but we are better now. Our youngest daughter has had the pheunomia fever, which hindered my husband from going to his last appointment. There was no paper last week, and it seems like a long time to wait for it; but we know that Bro. Long has his hands full, to attend

Time is swiftly moving on, Soon we'll pass and all be gone, Let us labor for the Lord,

He has promised great reward.

Time is swiftly moving on Soon our Savior now will come. Yes, his voice will soon be heard, And some may tremble at his word.

Time is swiftly moving on That will bring us to our home, There we'll meet our friends again, Freed from sorrow and from pain.

Your sister in hope of eternal life and a home on the new earth where there will be no

Neosho, Mo.

#### From Sister Lizzie Hillis.

DEAR Brethren: It is with a gratfeul heart to my heavenly Father for his protecting care over me, that I try to express my thoughts. This is the holy Sabbath day, and I thought I would use a part of it in writing to our much loved paper, the ADVOCATE. Oh, how I love to read the good letters and sermons, but it makes me sad when I hear so many calls for more means to carry on the Lord's work. Brethren, do we do what we can? I fear not, or at least a great many of us.

I was at Sabbath-school this morning, and we had a good meeting; it was at the home of Bro. Mahurin's, and my heart was made to rejoice to hear the good prayers and testimonies, and many eyes were wet with tears. Brethren, remember Bro. Mahurin at a throne of grace. He is very badly afflicted with paralysis. We have a very good Sabreading of the spirited letters that come from bath-school. We have not had any preaching for almost a year, but hope to have soon. ted far and near. I wish that everybody could Times are very hard here at present, as the main crop, which is corn, in almost a failure. I do wish some of our ministers would come and locate in this part of God's vineyard, This is a very good place to live. It is very healthy; the climate is mild. Of course it is not a paradise, and we will not find one this side of God's kingdom. We would like so much to have preaching, but as we are few in ing this we shall be helping our ministers number, and our ministers live so far away we can't have preaching very often, it costs so much to get them here. Brethren, let us ADVOCATE and MISSIONARY; let us see if we rally in the work of our Lord. We can see by cannot double our subscription list between the signs that the Lord will come, and will this and our next Conference. Now is the not tarry, and will take vengeance on them time to work, for the night cometh when no that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am very much interested in Bro. Smith's "From Darkness to Light." article, would like to see it in book form, and I believe it would be a great help toward spread-

SISTER A. J. COUEY, of Snelburn, Oregon, in sending in her quarterly report of mission. ary work, says: -

"My quarterly report ending September 1, is not very much. Letters written 1, letters received 1, periodicals distributed 71, pages rds pers. We wish to be remembered by an the This is small for a report but if every one would do as much each oursest the constant of the remembered by an the things the remembered by an the remaining the remembered by an the remembered by an the remaining the remembered by an arrange by the remembered by the remembered by an arrange by the remembered be more good accomplished. The Lord is with us all the time and if we call on him in time of need he is ever ready to help."

## Savent & Subbath Adrocate.

Stanberry, Mo., November 18, 1890.

Notice.—Papers sent from this Office to parties who are not subscribers are sent by special arrangement. When persons receive copies without ordering them, they are sent by friends, and persons receiving them will not be called upon for pay. Please read the papers and hand them to your friends to read.

THE Conference Committee has bought and paid cash for about half the new type needed in the office. We hope the brethren and sis-ters will not cease donating to the new type fund, but that donations will come in until there is a sufficient amount to purchase what type is needed.

REQUESTS are coming into the office to have the article "From Darkness to Light," put into tract form. We are fully in harmony with the idea, and have everything necessary to do the work except the money to pay for material and work. There is a demand for other tracts which are very much needed. Now, who has fifty or one hundred dollars to lend to the Lord, to be used in publishing tracts? Smaller amounts can be used in the

THERE are some good suggestions in this issue about increasing the circulation of the ADVOCATE and Missionary. Brethren, don't you think it is high time that we carry out those suggestions? Now don't say, I can't. Go right to work, and work like you would if you had a hard piece of work to accomplish. Make up your mind to get new subscribers and then get them. Be determined that you will succeed, and fling the idea of failing to the

WARNING of danger is much needed when the danger is pending. We are living in a time when the churches are resorting to very questionable ways and means to raise money for church purposes. Some of their ways and methods are on a line with the low gambling dens, and are well calculated to degrade instead of elevate The following extract from the Christian Standard should have some weight with the many churches that indulge in this kind of work:-

"Don't let the man who is ambitious to make a buffoon of himself have the charge of your finances, or of your young people's societies, so that he may make a lot of people believe that they cannot raise money enough without his side-shows. We have seen churches raise all the money they wanted without the aid of a single church theater. We have seen those same churches, when run on the Carneross & Dixey principle, have the hardest kind of times raising money. Some of the exhibitions in our churches are disgraceful in the extreme. The same scenes are en-acted, and the same songs sung, and the same jokes told, in the lowest dives. Why not put a short stop to the whole wretched business ?"

THE following is from a correspondent in one of our exchanges :

"In Armstrong's Treasury, we find the following facts: 'The place where the sun jumps a day, Chatham Island, lying off the cast of New Zealand in the South Pacific occan is peculiarly situated, as it is one habitable points of the globe where the day of the week changes. It is just in the line of demarcation between dates." There at high twelve shows that we are living near the end of time.

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Sunday noon ceases, and instantly Monday meridian begins. Sunday comes into a man's house on the east side and becomes man's house on the east passes out the west-Monday by the time it passes out the west-Monday by the time it be sees out the west-Monday by the fine it be sees out the west-Monday by the sunday is Monday and tis Monday is Sunday and finishes it. There Saturday is Sunday and Sunday is Monday, and Monday becomes suddenly transferred to Tuesday.

Thinking this might be introduced to Thinking this might be introduced to Tuesday. The sunday is more to the sunday is the sunday in the sunday is the sunday in the sun

Yes, anything but the Bible to down the 'Advents." The Bible, in the hands of our opposers, is almost a useless book in fighting the "Advents." They would rather go to the North Pole, New Zealand, China, or down into the depths of Sheol or Hades, to find argument to refute the binding force of the Sabbath of the Lord—the seventh day of the week. It is an encouraging fact, however, that when the Adventists attempt to refute an error they invariably go to the Bible. There is where they get their bombs of truth to hurl into the magazine of error. With such a weapon it is an easy task to explode the false theories of Sunday

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