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Meeting in Alamo.

Lord willing, Eld's GILBERT CRANMER and JAMES WATKINS will be at the Garrison School House next Sabbath, June 4th. Turn out!

—Bro. Phelps' letter is partly in type, and will appear in our next.

—Many communications on hand. We will make room for them soon as possible.

FATHER MILLER'S LIKENESS.—With thanks, we acknowledge the receipt of an excellent photograph likeness of Father MILLER, sent us from the office of the "VOICE OF THE WEST," Price 25cts each, or \$2.00 per dozen.

Address J. V. HINES, Buchanan, Mich.

—We have also received, from the same, a package of "Tracts on the Prophecies," 15 for 25c. Send to Br. H. for any work on Prophecy

—Tho's Brockway, Eliza Smith, Lizzie A. R. Burnham, Eld. J. Prescott, Wm D. Burnham, P. Edson R. Townsend, Caroline Carter, paid.

☞ Brethren, our little paper will fill up before we know it, and don't give you half a chance to talk. Brethren East say, Let it come weekly. Let the churches follow the example of little Bloomingdale, and then put the paper at \$1.50 a year, and the thing can be done. Talk the matter over, and report at Conference.

Glorious News!

Galesburgh, May 26, 1864

MY BROTHER BROTHER DILLE:—I have just returned from Trowbridge. We had a glorious meeting. I preached 4 discourses, to a large audience. The last discourse was on the 'Law' I baptized 1, and some 8 or 10 more confessed the Sabbath, and the most of them said they should keep the whole law, for time to come.

The Lord manifested his power in a wonderful manner. Sister Carter, of Otsego, attended the meeting. She had been deprived of her speech for a long time. On the Sabbath, in the midst of a large Congregation, her speech was perfectly restored again. Glory to God! There was a Methodist woman present, who arose in the congregation, and said, "This is the power of God! I know there is no deception with Sister Carter, for she staid with me last night, and I know that she could not speak a word."

Br. thren, be of good cheer! The Lord is for us, who can prevail against us!

Yours in hope of eternal life, when the Life Giver comes.

GILBERT CRANMER.

—We are pleased to learn that the discussion in Lynn, with Eld. Moses Hull, has resulted in much good; and that some twenty Spiritualists have concluded to follow the seducing spirits no further; and some have decided to be christians, and become disciples of the blessed Saviour.

[World's Crisis.

Trying to Overcome.

DEAR BROTHER DILLE:—I wish to say a few words to my brothers and sisters, through the 'Hope.' I feel to rejoice that I ever was induced to fall in with the little company that has started for Mount Zion. As it cheers my heart to read the few encouraging words in the Hope, I feel to take new courage, and press forward, trusting in the Lord. I want to be an overcomer, through the blood of the Lamb. I am determined to make my way to the Kingdom, God being my helper. My prayer is daily, Lord direct me, that I may never be found in bye and forbidden paths. I am striving to do my heavenly Father's will. I deeply feel the need of a pure heart. What a blessed thought it is, to think of seeing the Lord when he shall come to make up his jewels! Let us watch and be sober, that that day may not overtake us as a thief. Oh! I rejoice in these glorious truths in God's word. They lose none of their brilliancy to me, but like the pure gold, shine brighter and brighter. I do truly feel that time is short. But I sometimes feel I shall not be ready. I have many things to overcome. But, my only hope is in Jesus. I feel like striving more earnestly to gain a home in the earth made new, and with all the redeemed, partake of the fruit of the tree of life, and live forever. Pray that I fail not in having a part in the first resurrection.

From your unworthy Sister,
Otsego, Apr 22. SARAH J. BULLOCK.

Claiming the Promise.

—I realize more and more every day, the necessity of my watching, and being sober, that I may at all times 'come acceptably to the throne of Grace.'

Perhaps you think it strange that I should venture to pray for the sick. But my Bible tells me, "These signs shall follow them that BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they SHALL recover." This promise is not confined to an Elder, but is to those that BELIEVE. And I believe the day is not far in the future, when 'these signs shall follow' all of God's true children; when they shall come out and be separate from the world, and begin to claim God's precious promises. God grant that the Church may awake and let her light shine! "Awake, awake: put on thy strength, O Zion put on thy beautiful garments!"

COUSIN HOPE.

☞ Bro. SAMUEL DAVISON, of Norris Ill., writes, May 22d, "I gave 5 lectures at Glen Creek in this County, last week, and baptized two." More from Br. D, in our next.

☞ New York City has a church for every three thousand inhabitants; a groggery for every one hundred.

"A Little While Longer."

DEAR BROTHER DILLE:—I have long felt a desire to say a few words, through the 'Hope.' It cheers my heart to hear from brethren and sisters of like precious faith. I feel more determined than ever, to try and be an overcomer, and meet God's chosen ones on Mount Zion. We are commanded to let our light shine. And I believe, if we are Christians, we shall. The religion of Jesus Christ will be our constant theme. My prayer is, O Lord, make duty plain, that we err not. I think it but a little while before our sorrows here will cease. A little while before we shall behold the glories of heaven. And there will be no more sadness or sorrow to mar our peace. A little while longer before we shall be where lasting glory reigns; where storms and tempests will be over. A little while before we shall enter into that rest prepared for the people of God.

What a great privilege to be a child of God! I think religion is worth giving up all for. We have a hundred fold in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Glorious thought! If faithful a little longer, we shall reap our reward, and come off conquerors, through him who hath loved us and given his life a ransom for us. Dear Brethren and Sisters, I expect to meet you soon on the bright plains of everlasting deliverance where we shall shout victory over 'the beast,' and 'over his image,' over death and the grave; over the Devil and all the powers of darkness; and dwell forever with the Lord! O my prayer is, may we all be there, and share in the rich glories which our dear Savior has died to purchase for us!

Your unworthy Sister,
Casco, Allegan Co. Mich. HARRIET CRONK.

THE CHURCH IN BANGOR.—The Brethren are united, harmonious, and active. The meetings are increasing in interest, and a better feeling is manifest than has existed for years. The following persons are acknowledged members of the Band, and are living members of the body of Christ.—

Thomas Watkins, Malvina Watkins, Daniel Taylor, Phebe Taylor, Ann Knapp, Hallet Greenman, Rachel Greenman, Levi Watkins, Martin Shephard, Ann Shephard, Louisa Hubbard, James Watkins, Florine R. Watkins.

WAVERLY & BLOOMINGDALE.—We are having some good meetings in this section. Brethren are awake! They are letting their lights shine by practical godliness, and deeds of charity. This kind of preaching has an effect that none other can.

On Sabbath, May 21st, Sister Minerva Ames, who had been slain by the law, was buried with Christ, and arose to walk in newness of life.

Warm hearts cheer our pilgrim sister,
Through this world of grief and pain,
Enter the golden city with her,
When our Lord shall come to reign!

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"Rally friends once more!"

A General Conference of Commandment-keepers will be held in Bro. Branch's neighborhood, near Hartford, Van Buren Co., Mich., commencing Friday, June 17th, and continue three days. Come one, come all!

The Law of God.

Synopsis of a Sermon, Delivered at the Brandawine Conference.

BY ELDER GILBERT CRANMER.

Concluded.

The Ten Commandments are one Law. God gave these alone. He then ordered Moses to make an ark, and in it deposit this law that he had given. This ark they were to carry with them in their journey, and it was to be carried before them when they went to battle. Before it Jordan was divided, and the walls of Jericho fell. Why? Because God's name was there. There are those that are called God's many, and lords many. But the true God is made known only in the 4th Commandment. This reveals the God that made the heavens and the earth.

I used to believe there was no Sabbath. Yet I thought it would be better for man to rest one seventh part of the time. I supposed that was the reason why God gave the Sabbath. But, it was not given simply because man is liable to get tired. But, it was given because God made the heavens and the earth in six days, and rested on the seventh. By observing it, we show our faith in that God who created all things. The Catholic does not observe the Sabbath; but, he keeps the first day of the week to show his faith in Christ. But, God has given other ordinances for that very purpose; therefore, we need no sabbath, in order to show our faith in Christ.

Some say we are not under the law of the Ten Commandments, but under the law of faith. But, can't we keep both the faith and the law, at the same time? Let us see. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: YEA WE ESTABLISH THE LAW." Rom. 3:31

But, no carnally minded man can keep that law. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8:7. In order to be able to keep it, we must be converted, and have help from God. Through the plan of salvation, all may be law keepers.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into 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 declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone." But, did not God add to, or enlarge up-

on this law! Moses answers, "And these words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he ADDED NO MORE. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me." Deut. 5:27.

When God makes a law, it is perfect. David says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Ps. 19:7. And Solomon says, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12:23. Now, this law was perfect when it was made. And in taking away one law, God has left this one perfect as on the day it was given.

Paul says, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Then, Paul never would have known sin if the law had been dead. But, it had life enough to slay Paul. And men have been trying to kill God's law ever since.

Paul knew he was covetous. And he knew too, that the violation of one command turned Adam and Eve out of paradise. A violation of one item of God's law, would have turned every angel out of heaven. Paul was a good Paradise. "Without the law sin was dead," and Paul was alive. But he says, "When the commandment came, sin revived and I died." The law came by the Spirit of God, as he was on his way to Damascus. He was first slain, and then buried. And then he could keep the law.

Hear Paul further. "Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do, I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good." Rom. 7:16. What, I ask, do we want more than a "good law," a "perfect law?" It is, as David says, "perfect." It is as good as the Infinite Jehovah could make it, and never to be revised or altered.

But, says one we read of Christ's "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us," and that he "took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." Col. 2:14.

But look here. We read of one law that "was added because of transgressions, until the promised seed should come." Added to what? And for a transgression of what?

Ans., The first law contained the whole duty of man. Another was added because the perfect law was broken. Men were murderers, adulterers, worshippers of other Gods, Sabbath breakers, &c. The law was added until the promised seed should come. The first law was the "royal law," because it was given by God. God in the second, or added law, gave Moses a right to kill people for transgressing the "royal law." That was a right that had belonged only

to God.

God says this added law was not a good one. "I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I should scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries: because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers idols." Who, therefore, GAVE THEM ALSO STATUTES THAT WERE NOT GOOD, and judgments whereby they should not live." Ezek. 20:23, 24, 25. So we see it was because they had not executed God's judgments, because they had polluted his Sabbaths, and worshiped other gods, that this added law that was "not good," was given. It was given that they might die. God gives to Moses the right to kill the law breaker. Yet, God says it is not a good law. But there was no other way to get along with that "stiff necked, and rebellious people."

When Jesus came he began to talk different. The idea of putting men to death is not good. But he says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Matt. 5:44. "If a man steals our coat what does Jesus say we must do? Put the law right on to him? No, sir! But tell him to stop and take your cloak along also. God will pay him off for his crime. He will also take care of you. He will never allow a righteous man to starve. The bread and water of the righteous is sure.

That law that was not good, was done away at the cross. But the moral law stands good as ever. If we transgress that law, the penalty is "death."

We must preach the law. We can't slay sinners without it. The law slew Paul, and left him dead. He was sent to Damascus, but while there did not know what to do, until Ananias came, and said to him, "And now why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16. A young preacher once told me he had been preaching in a certain neighborhood, and that 40 persons had been converted. I asked him if he had preached the law to them. "No," said he, "Not yet." "Then," replied I, "I am afraid they are only half converted."

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, told the Jews that they were murderers. They were law breakers. He might have preached the love of Jesus, or good news until this time, and not have moved one of them. But the law has come. They are slain. They felt that God would be just, were he to strike them out of existence for their crimes. They cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" "Then said Peter unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." And is that all. No! "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost from the heavenly Father." The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead; and that will also quicken our mortal bodies, in the morning of the resurrection.

Brethren don't be afraid to preach the law. Tell men they are sinners, and that "the wages of sin is death." The law for killing the transgressor, remains the same. God has only taken this work back into his own hands. If you break the Sabbath you must die. There will be a

stoning time too. See Rev. 11: 19; & 16: 21. But, says an objector, We read that, "the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change of the law." But, we have shown that there are no laws. The trouble is, men have got them mixed up. One of the laws ceased by limitation.

We claim that God has made two covenants with his people. There were laws and ordinances under both testaments. And the ordinances of both testaments point to Calvary. Under one they point forward; under the other they point back. "There must of necessity be a change." Under the 'old covenant,' a lamb, perfect, without spot or blemish, was offered. This was to represent Christ, the 'perfect sacrifice.' We eat the broken bread, representing the broken body of Christ, as the paschal lamb was eaten under the old covenant. Under the old, the first-fruits of the harvest were waved before the Lord. This points to the resurrection of Christ. Jesus is the first-fruits of the resurrection. Jesus says, "It is finished." The tythes have met their anti-type. The wave sheaf answers this purpose no longer.

Not only so, but the priesthood is changed. Jesus is a high priest forever. But we are yet under ordinances. Under the New Testament, as under the Old, God demands that we show our faith by works. But, what now fires the souls of God's ministers? Ans., Jesus has been here. He has died and rose again. We want to show our faith by works. What shall we do then? Get a lamb, slay it, and eat the passover? No. What then? "The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. And after the same manner also he took the cup," &c., and said, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." I Cor. 11: 24, 25, 26.

But, that don't show our faith in the resurrection. Yet our hope, our whole hope, is in the resurrection. How shall we show our faith? By the wave sheaf? No. But, we must be 'buried with Christ,' and rise again, 'to walk in newness of life.' This is all plain. May we all love the law of God; and O may it be written in every heart!

News from Portland.

Portland, May 10th, 1864.

DEAR BROTHER DILLE.—

I rejoice that in the good providence of our God, an organ is at length established, through which God's free Commandment-keeping children can speak freely, and comfort one another concerning our faith and hope, in these times of peril and apostasy. Our little visitor, the 'Hope,' is hailed with joy by the few children in the East, and our ardent prayer is that it may ever come to us richly laden with food right from Father's table.

We have just enjoyed an interesting Conference, which commenced last Thursday evening, with a season of prayer and conference.

Friday was spent in business transactions. Reports from the different places represented, were of an encouraging character. Business deliberations were kind and harmonious. In

the evening I preached with freedom, to an attentive congregation. Sabbath and First-day Br. J. C. Day and myself endeavoured, as best we could by the help of the Lord, to proclaim his word to the people. Our prayer and conference meetings were spiritual, and interesting.

And Sunday evening we closed with a blessed season, in following the Lord in the ordinances of his house. Thus we met and part again! But we have the blessed assurance that, if we are faithful a little longer, we shall, through grace, be gathered from the east and from the west, from the north and the south, to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of our Father and go no more out forever!

The truth is still gaining ground in these parts. Praise the Lord! At our Conference, I enjoyed the blessed privilege of burying one dear disciple with Christ in baptism.

I expect, the Lord willing, to remain here until day after to-morrow, and then renew my journey in the field of labor. I know by a living experience, what it is to prove the truthfulness of my heavenly Father's promise, both spiritually and physically, when he says, "I will bring the blind by a way they know not;" for as far as outward vision is concerned, both the brightness of noon-tide and the darkness of midnight are alike to me. Yet, he who careth for the ravens and sparrows kindly watches my pathway for good. Blessed be his holy name! And I can venture my all with him, in the blessedness of hope of soon seeing him in all his glory and being made like him.

Our next Conference, the Lord willing, is to commence at North Berwick, Me., Fifth-day evening, August 9th, and continue over the Sabbath and First-day. If the Lord will, we hope to see one or more delegates from the West. Yea Brethren, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

At our last session an address was prepared, to be read at your coming Conference in June, and will be sent by Bro. David H. H. H. H.

I am happy to be able to send you a good little list of subscribers. * * * The brethren and sisters desire as far as possible, to be furnished with back numbers.

I acknowledge with gratitude, the receipt of the papers you sent me at North Adams. And with my whole soul I can say, God bless, enlarge, and afford us weekly the Hope of Israel, till the warfare is ended; and then grant unto us that we, 'having endured hardness as good soldiers' of his manifold grace, may be ushered with unspeakable delight into his presence, where is 'fulness of joy,' and at his right hand, where are pleasures for evermore. Amen.

From your brother in Christ, S. C. HANCOCK.

—Thank you, Brother. Several of the back No's are exhausted. We send from No. 18, and a roll of the back numbers as we have, charging from No. 13.

The following persons have paid—David A. Rathbone, Clara A. Jonas, D. W. Collins, David H. Finley, I. W. Shaw, R. Parker, M. A. Dresser, Lydia H. Bolton, S. C. Hancock, Jacob Mills, 75c & George E. Hower, 49c.

Obadiah Mann, Rachel Mann, C. P. Russell, paid.

A little boy being asked what meekness was, replied, "Meekness always gives smooth answers to rough questions."

A Word of Cheer.

Marion, Iowa, May 7th, 1864.

BROTHER DILLE.—It was with the deepest interest that I waited for No. 12 of the 'Hope.' And while I read the cheering testimonies it contains, my heart burns with love, as did the hearts of the disciples who walked with Jesus, on his way to Emmaus. Thank God! for the light that begins to break in, to illuminate the dark pathway of our pilgrimage through this vale of tears.

I feel to thank God, and take courage. Yea, Bless God for the 'Hope of Israel!' Brethren, if we are faithful to our high calling, we shall soon realize the end of our hope, the salvation of our souls. Glorious hope is ours! Eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord! Let us shun not to declare the whole counsel of God. Confer not with flesh and blood, but arise and gird on the whole armor of the Lord, for the conflict will soon be over, and we will anchor in the haven of eternal rest. Let us ever remember that our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strong holds.

Brethren, don't be discouraged! We have entered the campaign of '64, with brighter prospects than ever dawned upon the scattered remnant of Israel! In view then, of the promise of God to his people, let us 'gird up the loins of our mind, be sober, and watch unto prayer.' Yes, Pray that those upon whom our Father has put the heavy responsibility of moving forward in the work, may move in the fear of the Lord, and that the deep movings of the Spirit of Israel's God, may stir the hearts of all his people.

For the Hope.

A Free Paper.

There will be issued at this place, during the present month, or early in June, a new Advent paper called the Day Star of Zion, & Banner of Life, devoted to the speedy, literal coming of the King of Israel, and advocating the gathering of the First Fruits, as a living prepared Bride, for the marriage supper of the Lamb: a free home for the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind, who love the appearing of Jesus, and are meek and contrite in spirit: and a place of refuge to such, during the perils of the last days. It is also designed as a medium of unity upon which all can meet, who desire to know only the truth. The first No. will contain our views on the ending of the great Prophetic Periods, and where we are in the night; our present relations to the governments of earth; what we understand by the sealing of the First Fruits; our letter to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, on our Alien resolutions, and their action on it; getting rid of the last link of Government protection, by deeding the Wilderness of Celesta to Almighty God; together with our Salutory, and circumstances under which we are placed; with numerous letters and extracts, from the scattered pilgrims. Any humble seeker after truth, can have the paper free, and express his objections, and have his enquiries answered; by sending address and paying postage. We propose to publish about 2000 copies of the first No., and issue monthly the first quarter, and after that weekly, if the Lord opens the way. We shall advocate nothing new but what we can demonstrate. Address Day Star, Eaglesman P. O. Penn. P. E. ARMSTRONG, Ed. Celesta, Sullivan Co. Penn.

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Overcome and Reign!

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Rev. 3: 21.

We talk, we write, we preach about overcoming. But do we realize what it is to be an overcomer? Let us go back, in our imagination, and stand with Jesus in the hour of temptation. When friends forsake us, and all the powers of earth and hell seem combined against us; when Infidels, sneering worldlings, wicked professors, and myriads of 'spirits of devils,' assail us with their 'in philosophy,' can we resist the devil, as did our Master; and with a 'THUS IT IS WRITTEN,' wield the sword of the Spirit and 'put to flight the armies of the aliens?' In the hour of temptation can we say as did Jesus, "Get thee hence, Satan: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE?" Before Jesus lay all the kingdoms of this world, with all their honors, wealth, powers, magnificence and glory! All, all could be his! But upon what condition? Ans.—By denying the authority of his Father, and bowing to the will of the adversary. Upon this condition, Satan offers the Second Adam all that he had taken from the first Adam, in the Garden of Eden! By one act of disobedience, Jesus could have held the sceptre of universal empire, and have avoided the excruciating pain, and the ignominy of the cross. But, he considered the price by far too great, and refused the offer with disdain. And why? Let him answer. "I came down from heaven NOT to do mine own will, BUT the will of him that sent me." "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." In Gethsamane, as the lowly overcomer bowed in agonizing prayer, it was his own will to escape from the cruel fate that awaited him. Hear him pray, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me!" But, hear him again. "O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me, except I drink it, THY WILL be done." Or, "Not what I will but what thou wilt." The disciple, Peter who had boasted of his power to overcome, and James and John, were commanded to watch. Jesus prays; the disciples sleep. He returns and says to boasting Peter, "Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch with me one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." The agonizing prayer of that hour strengthened Jesus for the hour of trial, and for the four hours of anguish on the cross. By neglect of duty in that same hour, Peter fell into temptation, and thrice denied his Lord! It was thus, by constant watchfulness and prayer, that Jesus overcame. And, by thus overcoming, it could truly be said of him that he "was in ALL POINTS tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He came to do his Father's will, and was obedient, "even unto death!"

But, had Jesus no other reason for refusing the devil's offer? No other reason for enduring all that he suffered? Certainly. Satan could have given him temporal dominion of the earth. But, he had the 'power of death,' and he knew, and so did Jesus, that the kingdom would soon

fall back into his own hands. Jesus, at the close of a short reign, would have been shut up in the devil's prison house, and no morning would ever have dawned upon the dark portals of the grave!

But, God had made him a better offer. Paul, after naming the ancient worthies, who in view of a reward, had overcome through faith, finally exhorts us to "run with patience" &c., "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God."

But, What is promised to Christ? "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be NO END," &c. "Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be NO END." "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Why? Ans., "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; THEREFORE God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Jesus is now 'set down on the right hand of God henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.' Soon he will leave the throne of his Father. Soon, as "KING OF KINGS," he will "sit in the throne of his glory," and the banner of 'peace and good will,' will wave in triumph over all the blood bought nations of earth!

But hark! "To him that overcometh," Then as there were promises of a glorious reward to Jesus, so there is also to his followers. But we are to overcome, even as he did in order to obtain our reward. How did he overcome? By perfect obedience. He, the captain of our salvation, was made 'perfect through sufferings.' Paul could say "I reckon the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." And as he was about to lay down his life for Jesus, he could triumphantly exclaim, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." And now we can realize what Jesus means when he says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Jesus overcame his own will. So must we. Jesus overcame the world. So must we. Jesus overcame the devil. So must we. Jesus overcame death and the grave. So must we. Soon the resurrected millions, and the translated few, will sing the song of triumph. Overcomers, Enoch and Elijahs of to day, where are you?

But, Jesus had unspeakable 'joy set before him,' as an inducement for overcoming. Thank God, so have we! What are they? "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God!" "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:" &c. "He that overcometh, the

same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels!" "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God! and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God." &c. And finally in the Laodicean state of the Church: the most critical period in all the history of God's people, Jesus, in the language of our text, speaks directly to US! This promise is to you and I! Before us is eternal life, a kingdom, a crown, and an eternal weight of glory! And are you like praying Jesus; or like slumbering Simon! Awake! O slumbering Church of Christ, Awake! Let every house be made a house of prayer! In Jesus' name we bid you overcome, and reign!

A Welcome Epistle.

For the Hope.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—All who claim to be Christ's children, Do you think we live as though we realized that we are living in the last days? Are we making ready for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Master? Let us gird on the whole armor, as we are surrounded on every side, with sin and worldly pleasures, as they are called. But, what does all this world amount to? Give me the pleasure of being one of God's chosen, and I ask no more of this world's vain store. Let us be very careful what we do and what we say, for there is a large world watching the Commandment-keepers.

As a people, we don't practice visiting on the Sabbath. Don't let us trouble other churches on their Sabbath. I was once dreadfully annoyed by an Adventist who was always wanting something on my Sunday. That family have practiced that until they have gone back into the world farther than before. Let us do unto others as we would want others to do by us. I don't want to hurt the feelings of any one. But, if I speak to you through the paper, I shall tell you the earnest desire of my heart is to live aright. Aid me by your prayers, for the prayers of the righteous availeth much. From a S. D. ADVENTIST.

No, we'll not destroy your letter,

But it a place we gladly give,
Tell each brother, and each sister,

Some poor lone pilgrim wants to live!

Thank you kindly for your favor;

Though we are strangers here below,

May we meet, and dwell forever,

Where Life's pellucid waters flow!

CASCO.—Brother Dille:—I would say that the brethren in Casco are all well. We have meeting here one Sabbath, and one Sabbath in the South neighborhood. The brethren and sisters are trying to live nearer to God, day by day. Dear Brother, pray for us, that our faith may grow stronger and stronger, that we may all be kept mid the perils of the last days.

Casco, Mich.

HARRIET CRONE.

An address, approved by the Portland Conference and forwarded by Bro. Day is received, and will be read at our Conference.

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