

# THE HOPE OF ISRAEL.

"Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question." Phil.

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## SELECT POETRY.

You may sing of the beauty of mountain and glen,  
Of the silvery streamlet, and flowers of the vale;  
But the place most delightful this earth can afford,  
Is the place of devotion, the house of the Lord.

You may boast of the sweetness of days early dawn,  
Of the sky's softening graces when day has just gone,  
But there's no other season or time can compare  
With the hour of devotion, the season of prayer.

You may value the friendships of youth and of age,  
And select for your comrades the noble and sage;  
But the friends that most cheer me on life's rugged road,  
Are the friends of my Master, the children of God.

You may talk of your prospects of fame or of wealth,  
And of the hopes that flatter the favorites of health;  
But the hope of bright glory of heavenly bliss,  
Take away every other and give me but this.

Ever hail, blessed temple, abode of my Lord!  
I will turn to thee often to hear from thy word;  
I will walk to thy altar with those that I love,  
And rejoice in the prospects revealed from above.

(Selected by MARY YOUNG.)

## The Harmony of Scripture.

Truth is like the promises of God, yea and amen in Christ Jesus. There is a gradual development of truth through both Testaments. The types and shadows and prophecies of "the law and the prophets, have their substance, fulfillment, and fulness in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as given us by the Apostles. Hence when seeking for truth we must not be hasty and partial, but patient and thorough, and seek a harmony of the whole scripture. Let us take a question for example. Who is the seed of the woman? Who is the seed of Abraham? Who is the seed of David? The answer you will find in the end to be CHRIST.—Who are the children of Abraham? In other words, Who are the children of Israel? Trace it through both Testaments, and you will find the answer is, BELIEVERS IN JESUS. "If ye be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3 : 26, 29. In this plain, truthful, and patient way let us, by the word of God and prayer, get the harmony of truth, and with it more and more the harmony of love, and a readiness to enjoy the harmony of the saints in the kingdom of God when Jesus comes. "Children, love one another."

S. EVERETT.

## The Church of God not Sectarian.

There is no truth more clearly laid down in the scriptures, than that the body of Christ, which is the church, is a unity—not ought to be, but is: (Eph 4 : 4-6 I. Cor. 12 : 12-27. Eph. 1 : 22, 23 Col 1 : 24.) and that there should be no sects. (I. Cor. 1 : 10. Rom. 16 : 17, 18. Acts 20 : 29, 30) This church is divinely organized; and God hath set the members in the body as it hath pleased him. It is God's arrangement; and to appropriate any one of the names, by which the children of God under different circumstances are designated, and organize a church on such a name, is to disarrange the Divine order, and form a sect, a body distinct, and independent of all the other members of the church of Christ. This body will be complete in itself, will have its own particular interests to provide for; and very soon, instead of being a MEANS, or an instrumentality for building up the general cause, it will be made an END; and the activities of the general church will be directed to the promotion of its peculiar objects. Hence its interests and the interests of the general body will be antagonisms; and 'no man can serve two masters.' Loving one, he will soon hate the other, or love only in word. If you doubt, look around and see it written in sunbeams on every page of Protestant church history.

It does seem that the "time past might suffice us to have wrought the will of the flesh: and that we might be content to "stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and WALK THEREIN." But if the brethren resolve on "making a name," allow me to suggest as an accompaniment, the following;— "We follow in the footsteps of our illustrious predecessors." Gen 11 : 4.

Striving to deserve ALL the good names by which God's people are designated, but appropriating NO ONE in particular, I remain

Yours, in the general brotherhood,

E. A. POOLE.

Linklaen, Chenango Co., N. Y.  
April 2d, 1865

Deseret, Utah, has a population of 25000.

## Which is True?

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders: insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."—Matt 24: 23.

JEREMIAH 25 : 15-38.

SABBATH RECORDER.  
Fifth day April 13th.  
1865.

"For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall be moved and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the Lord had sent me: to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day; Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people: and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod, Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, and all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea, Dedan and Tema and Buz, and all the corners, and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert, and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Shebakh shall drink after them. Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Drink ye and be drunken, and spew and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, thus saith the Lord of hosts: Ye shall certainly drink. For lo, I begin to bring evil on the city, which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth. saith the Lord of hosts. Therefore prophecy thou against them all these words, and say unto them. The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation: he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations: he shall plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock:

"We are witnessing the grandest revival of religion since Luther hurled his thunderbolts against the vatican. The demon of treason thro' red handed war, has worked forces for good, and organized charities, which otherwise might have slumbered for centuries. It has aroused a nation, well nigh dead with indifference to the claims of humanity. Thousands who had conived at the wrongs of the black man, now shout, "Down with the oppressor! The negro is a man, and should have the rights of a man."

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"Let us not mistake the times in which we live, nor be indifferent to the mighty impulses for good which begin to dominate in the hearts of men. Humanity struggles bravely up to liberty; prejudice yields to reason; slavery succumbs to freedom; and man shall yet be man. The shackles shall fall from his limbs, the manacles from his hands; the iron bondage shall go out of his soul, and he shall go forth, redeemed, regenerated, disenthralled, by the irresistible genius of universal emancipation."

"Such, my friends, shall be the yellow ripe fruit that shall hang on the gospel tree, growing tall, green beautiful, on the very spot where "the land unto the root" of some deadly upas has hurled down the cumberer to the ground. Such, as God is true, shall be the fate of wrong, in the glorious fulness of the gospel dispensation."

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock:

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RECEIPTS.—M. J. Dunham \$2.05, Huldah Mott \$1.

—Our brethren who held a Conference at South Butler, N. Y., voted to call the name of the Conference "Christian Conference," instead of "Advent Christian Conference." We are pleased with two things in this move.

1. A kind regard for the conscientious scruples of some few brethren. Large majorities often wound the consciences of the few. And
2. They choose a scriptural name without the addition of a sectarian one. If we would heed the Holy Scriptures as we ought, all unscriptural names would be laid aside. The Lord bless all his people in their endeavours to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

As we go out these Summer mornings, we are delighted with the sight of vegetation. We exclaim "A fruitful season!" We are reminded of that beautiful Psalm, 104, which describes the 'manifold works' of God in this world 'full of his riches.' See vs. 14, 24. "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth." Last Summer, by reason of the drought, vegetation looked withering and gloomy. This season, by reason of showers and sunshine, everything looks green and gay. Praise the Lord for his goodness! The husbandman is bringing in his sheaves of wheat rejoicing.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Let us strive to live according to our heaven bought privilege. We may be filled with the Spirit. We can, by the help of the Spirit, draw near to God, and He will draw near to us. How good it is to realize the presence of our best friend. "I have set the Lord always before my face," saith David, "therefore I shall not be moved." Under all circumstances, at all times and in all places, we may enjoy his care and protection and receive supplies of grace for every time of need. He will never leave nor forsake us;

so that we need not fear any evil thing. Trusting in the Lord, we shall not want any good thing. A realizing SENSE of the goodness of God will fill us with love and thankfulness. A sense of His greatness and goodness will give us the impression of our littleness and unworthiness; and make us humble and penitent for our sins. A sense of His righteousness will lead us more earnestly to desire to be right in heart and life. A sense of God's holiness will lead us to seek to be holy as He is holy. A sense of His mercy will lead us to seek forgiveness of Him, and to be merciful to our fellow creatures.—As we enjoy God in His Son, and receive all grace through Him, we must have the 'faith of Jesus.' "The LOVE of Christ constraineth us." It warms our hearts. It fills us with 'peace in believing.' "The peace of God rules in our minds." We 'rejoice in hope of the glory of God.' Under the influence of faith, hope, and love, we are willing to live a life of obedience to the Lord. We are ready to every good word and work. We glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are his. We shine as lights in the world. We adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. Our conversation is seasoned with grace, which ministers grace to the hearers. We do good to all around us, as we have opportunity. Like Abraham, we are blest of God, that we may be a blessing to men. Whether living or dying we are the Lord's. We are prepared to meet the blessed Savior at his coming, and enter into his glorious rest—all is well forevermore. Happy is the man who thus serves the Lord.

Brethren & Sisters in Christ, let us aspire to such a Christian life, and follow it steadily to the end. Let us watch and pray always that nothing may hinder us, or draw us aside to the right hand or to the left, in THIS STRAIT AND NARROW WAY TO LIFE. Do you hesitate? Listen to Paul, Heb. 12:1, 2. "Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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 the throne of God." O timid one, hesitate no longer. LOOKING UNTO JESUS, you may overcome, and sit with Him on His throne in His Kingdom.—Reader, be exhorted to seek the Lord, and be a Christian even now in this unbelieving age. God bless you.

## Shaking of the Powers of Heaven

In a short article on this subject I gave some reasons for thinking it must be literal. God is a God of order. There is order and harmony in all his plans, and there is no mixing up, or confusion in the teachings of his word; it rightly understood. But this would not hold true, I think, if the first three signs given in Matthew 24 were literal, and the fourth figurative. That there is to be a terrible shaking of the nations near the end, there can be no doubt. It is taught through the whole Bible. That great image is to be dashed in pieces, and become as the dust of the summer threshing floor. He, the Son of God, is to dash the nations to pieces like a potter's vessel.

The 'powers of heaven' must mean the atmospheric heavens, or air. It is well known that our atmosphere is held together by an exact proportion of the different gasses of which it is composed. Let this equilibrium be destroyed, and there is trouble at once.

But I am to give my reasons for supposing this sign may have already commenced its fulfilment. The heavens are to 'wax old as doth a garment.' A garment waxes old by wear. The texture becomes weakened, bracks and thin places begin to appear, and soon it falls to decay. That our atmosphere is not what it used to be, is noticed by close observers. Some fifteen or twenty years ago, the Scientific American spoke of this thing and observed, that it was a wonder that our atmosphere did not take fire—that some of the upper portions of it were becoming inflammable. In proof, they stated that two willow trees, on the bank of the river Thames, had taken fire spontaneously, and burnt to the roots. H. H. Winchester Esq. of Iowa City, stated to me, that a current of air struck a portion of his fruit trees in his garden, and the leaves were crisped in a moment, as if a fire had run over them. This happened about two years ago. Since then I have heard of similar occurrences.

Terrible tornadoes, which have destroyed both life and property, have been of frequent occurrence, of late years in our own country. They used to be confined mostly to the torrid zones; but now they are frequent in the temperate zones, especially in the western portions of our own country. This very week we hear of one in Minnesota, and another in Iowa. The last mentioned was stated to be fifty miles wide, in Cedar valley. We have not heard the particulars.

The terrible storms at sea, which occasion so much destruction of life and property, are pro-

duced by disturbances in the atmosphere. The London times of June 5 1860, speaking of the recent storms on the English coast, says, "We very much doubt whether any twelve month could be matched with the last for the violent and destructive phenomena of the atmosphere. Storms of terrific fury have been incessantly recurring. The Weekly Register of the year will be a shocking one." Fourteen hundred shipwrecks are said to have taken place in the Mediterranean sea during the first week in Dec. 1863. What an immense loss of life and property in a single week! It seems almost incredible, but it is stated in the World's Crisis of 1864, Vol 18, No. 19.

Another evidence that the heavens are waxing old, is the unhealthy state of the atmosphere. Man's days have been shortening ever since the flood. And may it not be owing, in part at least, to the loss of vitality in the atmosphere? Diseases new and frigid have been raging for the last few years. Look at the cholera, and the terrible diphtheria! They have slain their thousands and their tens of thousands. These diseases appear to be epidemic. The diphtheria commenced in Maine and Iowa about the same time. I think it must have been produced by the atmosphere. The great masses of the people are more or less diseased. We seldom meet with persons who, on inquiry call themselves well. Indeed disease seems to be the general condition of the race, and health the exception. We grant that these natural causes have their origin in the great first cause, the will of the Creator. But may not his purposes be brought about by natural causes?

I will mention one thing more which seems to be produced by a degenerate state of the atmosphere—that is the great increase of troublesome insects. I can look back forty years, and there was no such thing as potato rot, (which is probably produced by an insect, or directly by the impurity of the atmosphere.) And now almost all our fruits and vegetables are infested by them. Insects breed in decayed animal and vegetable matter. Impure air hastens decay, and putrefaction, and supports the life of noxious insects.

The next thing to look for is the folding up of the heavens. "As a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed." Or in the language of the Revelator, "rolled together as a scroll." "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens being on fire shall pass away with a great noise." Then it is, that the whole contents of

for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant ves- sel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard; for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture. And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the Lord. He hath forsaken his covenant as a lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

The Sabbath Recorder is not the only oricle in which this class of prophecies is contained. The same predictions are found in sermons, orations, editorials and addresses, as far as acquaintance extends. Neither have we selected it from any ill ward it, but it was convenient to our hand, and contains what strikes us as characteristic of our times, more pithily presented than any other recent publication in our possession. And we present the two classes of prophecy in juxtaposition because they cannot both be true. It is thus easily seen that they clash. Both speak of the destinies of the nations and the future fate of the people of the earth. The one says of all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth, —

“Drink ye, and be ye drunken and spue and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.”

The other says, “The whole world shall rejoice in the peace it shall bring out of all the strife that now shakes the earth.”

Who is deceived by these things? Not one who believes the prophets of Jehovah.

BELIEVER.

DEAR BROTHER;—With your permission, I would like to say to the brethren scattered abroad a few words concerning the

#### CHURCH OF LINKLAEN.

The doctrine of the Second Advent near, was extensively proclaimed in this section of the country, for several years previous to 1844.—Many believed, and very interesting meetings were held in this and the neighboring towns. After the disappointment in 1844, however, they became in a measure scattered, and meetings gradually lost their interest; and were finally discontinued, except occasionally. Still, there was a goodly number who perseveringly maintained their Advent faith.

The “Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus” were first proclaimed in 1851. This was a rallying cry; and nearly all the Adventists in this region came out and took a stand upon these truths. The meetings were fully

attended, and very interesting; and have been maintained with varying interest, till the present time. Some of our members have fallen asleep; some have removed; and some few walk no more with us; while from time to time, the Lord has added to our number of such as we hope will be saved. We keep no record of names— anxious only that our names may be found written in the Lamb’s book of life—being sure that “the Lord knoweth them that are his;” and will “keep that which is committed unto Him unto that day.” As a church, we are not known to “Cease.” Our organization is Divine, the Lord having set the members in the body as it hath pleased him; and understood only by those who can discern spiritual things. We reckon some 25 to 30 as our present number, in this and neighboring towns; and are trying to learn the truth and walk in it, as revealed in the sure word. We have had our trials, some of them severe; but the Lord has been a present help in every time of trouble. With a Christian greeting for all the scattered ones,

Yours for the right, E. A. POOLE

#### Wise Sayings.

When you doubt between two words, choose the plainest, the commonest, the most idiomatic. Eschew fine words as you would rouge; love simple ones as you would native roses on your cheeks. Let us use the plainest words that will grammatically and gracefully express our meaning.

Deal gently with those who stray. Draw them back by love and persuasion. A kiss is worth a thousand kicks. A kind word is more valuable to the lost, than a mine of gold. Think of this and be on your guard, ye who would chase to the grave an erring brother.

There would be a great deal more harmony in this life, if every one would try to make themselves more agreeable to each other in conversation, in manners, in dealings, in morality and religion, and in all deeds.

Once give your mind up to suspicion and fear, and there will be sure to be found food for it. In the stillest night the air is filled with sounds for the ear that is resolved to listen.

Always praise your enemy’s good qualities, and you will soon be without enemies. Bury faults, and virtues will spring therefrom.

A humble soul knows that to bless God in prosperity, is the way to increase it; and to bless God in adversity, is the way to remove it.

## Shaking of the Powers of Heaven.

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the seventh and last vial will be poured out into the air, and a voice from the throne of God is heard, "It is done." And when the whole volume of the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll, there will be a mighty crash. The whole globe will be enveloped in one vast sheet of fire and every thing combustible will be consumed. Who can live when God doeth this?

O sinner, flee to Christ! Escape for thy life, for all the signs show that great day close upon us. That great being, who gives you the breath of life, will shortly turn it into a flame; then every living soul must expire! But ye humble waiting ones, have nothing to fear. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou see, and behold the reward of the wicked." L. K. E.

### From Sr. Anna E. Smith, in the Voice

Dear Sisters Scattered in the West: Our conference is over. We had a glorious time in waiting on the Lord. We had preaching three times a day, instead of once, and the meetings after the first two days were well attended. Sinners were pricked in the heart, and backsliders came back to their Father, and asked to have their backslidings healed. The church was refreshed, and built up in the faith. We had a melting time around the Lord's table on the Sabbath. Truly the Master was at the head of his table.

Monday evening was our Love-feast. Tuesday evening held our meeting at a school-house in the south part of town. Here, also, many rose for prayers, and much interest was manifested. Wednesday evening closed our Convention at the church. After preaching came the farewell conference. Many spoke of the good they had received, and the broken language and flowing tears told how hard it is to part. Just at parting we gave another opportunity to rise for prayers. Many rose, and among them a young man, who said he had come four miles to ask these sisters to pray for him. He was a backslider, but had been pricked to the heart, and seemed so sorry that he had staid away from Jesus; but now he made up his mind to endure to the end.

This meeting has done much good in many ways; but eternity alone will tell the story. O sisters, let us prove faithful, and all work for Jesus! You will see by our Secretary's Report, we are to have a meeting at Wilbraham Camp-meeting. Come all, prepared to join the Association, and work for Jesus. Praise the Lord! I am glad our work will soon be finished, and "there is rest." ANNA E. SMITH.

Our Sister's letter refers to the meeting lately held at Poultney, Vt. Ed.

July 1, 1865.

MY DEAR BRETHREN & SISTERS IN THE LORD,—

The Sun of Righteousness is about to arise with healing in his wings, and light up the pathway of the little flock. We have tidings from the East and West, which bespeaks good concerning Israel: for God's free people are getting strength sufficient to cast off every yoke of bondage, and stand upon the broad platform of Bible truth, and that alone. Glory to God! It is altogether too late in the day for us to hang down our heads and be desponding, or in doubt, for the Captain of our salvation says to us, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28. The things spoken of by our Savior, the 21st of Luke and the 24th of Matthew, are mostly in the past; and the signs of Christ's second advent are thickening every hour!

And yet, before Jesus comes, there is a mighty work to be done, in calling God's people out of Babylon and fitting them up for translation. And who will have a hand in this glorious proclamation? Every child of God must have a hand in it. If we are not called to labor in word and doctrine, we should be ready to hold up the hands of those that are thus called, that all may be workers with Christ in gathering the harvest, for "the harvest is great, and the laborers are few." But pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send more laborers into the field. For how can men believe on whom they have not heard? and how can they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Remember this one thing. It is Christ's business to call preachers into the field; but it devolves upon THE CHURCH TO SUSTAIN THEM THERE. May the good Lord teach us all our duty in these things, is my prayer, that the work may speed onward.

Your humble servant, waiting for redemption when the Redeemer comes G. CRANMER.

A poor prisoner being confined in a dark dungeon, had no light except for a few moments when his food was brought to him; he used to take his Bible and read a chapter, saying he could find his way to his mouth in the dark when he could not read.

Michigan has furnished 19,192 men from the beginning of the war. Anarchy prevails in portions of Arkansas and Texas,—robberies, arson, and murders being of frequent occurrence.

Eight thousand returned rebel soldiers, have been turned loose in Missouri within the last ten days.

A woman in St Louis killed her husband because she pulled her hair. The DECATOR CLARION is the title of a neatly printed, and ably conducted business paper published at Decatur, in this County, by MOSES HULL, formerly Editor of the PROGRESSIVE AGE.

## THE CHURCH AT POMPEY

Was started nearly five years ago. A tent meeting was held there by brethren Andrews, Sperry, and Cottrell; and as a result, eight brethren and sisters embraced the truth, and decided to obey all the commandments of God. They immediately instituted meetings which have been kept up without intermission to the present time; and have been uniformly interesting. Several others have since joined them; some of whom have left, together with two of the original number. But, including one now absent, they number the same as at first; and I believe, are earnestly pressing toward the mark for the prize. Believing that the Lord hath set the members in the body as it hath pleased Him, they are striving, not to make better arrangements, but to do their work well, in the place where God has set them.

In love,

E. A. POOLE

Fredricksburg, Chickasaw Co, Iowa.

BROTHER:—I write to inform you that we have removed to this place, and we want our Hope of Israel sent here, for we expect to make Fredricksburg our home for the present, and perhaps while we stay in this vale of tears. I wish the brethren who write for the Hope from Iowa would give the county as well as the town, and then I would find some of them perhaps.

May God prosper the Hope. Though a little one, may it come off victorious over its enemies.

Yours, in the hope of the Gospel,

CHARLES PITTS.

POLLY G. PITTS

Flint, June 4 1865.

DEAR BROTHER CRANMER:—Having opportunity I thought I would write a few lines. I would like to be out to the conference; but it will be impossible for me to come. May the Lord be with you there, and all the brethren, and prosper you in your labor, is my prayer. I have been out to Flushing, to see Br Horace Cushman, and stayed with him over night. I found him to be a man of God, and he has been acquainted with the Adventists from the first. I trust that the Hope will be again published, and prosper.

I wish to make a proposition that no intoxicating wines be used for communion, believing that it was not used by the Saviour or his Apostles. \$1,00 for the cause. Yours,

WILLIAM T. GILBERT.

## Women and Family Devotion.

"Come to the place of prayer!

Mothers and children come and kneel before

Your God, and with united hearts adore

Him whom alone your life and being are."

Is there to be witnessed this side of heaven a more lovely sight, than that of a Christian mother, in the absence of father and husband, gathering her children together, and engaging with them in Christian worship?

There are Christian wives, not a few, whose husbands are yet in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity—do these wives acknowledge God in the domestic circle?

Wives and mothers, is your family altar kept burning, brightly morning and evening? Very many Christian women are sighing from day to day because no family altar exists beneath their roof. Yet how few have the courage to assemble their households, and in the presence of an irreligious companion, offer themselves the morning and evening incense. Still, one thus situated should consider prayerfully whether such is not her duty—whether it is not the daily cross Jesus asks her to bear for Him.

A friend discovered, with pain, on her second marriage, that no prayer was offered in her new home. Her husband, though a professor of religion, refused to establish family worship. She then resolved, with his consent, to perform the duty herself.

"When God commands, we must take up

Our cross without delay;

Our lives—and thousand lives like ours—

Can ne'er His love repay."

—HOME THRUSTS.

## Select News Items.

The railroads of the Southern States are being rapidly rebuilt, and travel upon them is already partially resumed.—Grasshoppers are doing great damage in the valley of the Minnesota.—A woman 80 years old is in the Rhode Island State Prison for poisoning two husbands.—Apprehensions are entertained of a speedy revival of troubles on the plains.—Alexander H. Stephens and Robert E. Lee have made applications to the President for Pardon.—Secretary Seward and his son are slowly, but surely, gaining in health and strength.—The emigration from Europe is literally immense. Over a thousand a day arrive in New York some weeks.—Two cases of Asiatic cholera occurred at St Louis, June 23, both terminating fatally.—General Butler says; "I know from having seen the rolls of 100,000 of the rank and file of the Confederate army prisoners, that only one in eight was able to sign his name."—A serious riot occurred on Staten Island, N. Y., the evening of June 21, between the soldiers and civilians. One person was killed, and twenty or more wounded.—The Freedmen in South Carolina, in some places have been overawed and made to work in chain-gangs. In fact they are Freed men only in name. So reports General Saxton.—New and immensely rich gold fields are creating intense excitement in Australia.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

### Stories for Children. No. 2.

MY DEAR CHILDREN;—I said, if you liked my first story, and would learn that good text, I would write you another story. Well, I hope you have learned that text, and as I have heard no complaint against my first story, I must try and write you another. And now I will try and tell you a little about Adam and Eve's family.

After they had lived toether awhile, they had two little boys. The name of the oldest was Cain, and the next was Abel. They grew up, and became men. Abel was a very good man, and loved the Lord and worshiped Him. But Cain was wicked, and grew worse and worse, and he was very much offended because the Lord loved his brother Abel so well; and one day when they were in the field together, Cain rose up and slew his brother! Do you not think children, this was awful! that Cain should kill his own dear brother, just because he was so good? The great God saw all this, and he called out to Cain, and said, "Where is thy brother?" And Cain said, "I know not;" but he told a lie. Then God said, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth to me from the ground, which has opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand." Then the Lord sent wicked Cain far away from home, and told him that he should be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth—

And now suppose, my dear children, your little brother or sister behaves better than you do, and minds your mother better, and your good mother gives that little brother or sister something nice, and does not give you the same, and you get angry and strike that little brother or sister would you not be like Cain? Instead of being angry, you must try and be good yourself, and that will make you happy. Ask your heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, to give you a new heart, and a lovely disposition, that you may love your dear brothers and sisters, and every body. The good book says, "Let us love one another, for God is love." I want you to remember this text,— "Let us love one another, for God is love." And so good bye, till I write you again

GRANDMA.

Two brothers of old,  
With ages untold,  
Who had the same father and mother;  
The same happy home,  
With the wide world to roam,  
And naught to be elaimed by another.

But sad to relate  
That with envy and hate,  
One brother rose and murdered the other,  
'Twas Cain, the first born,  
With looks all forlorn:  
That was stained by the blood of his brother.

Good Abel so meek,  
Fell down at his feet,  
And gave up his life to the slaughter,  
The great God of love,  
Looked down from above,  
And in kindness beheld this dear martyr.

To the culprit he said,  
With voice full of dread, [brother?  
"Where now, O where! say, where is thy  
From the ground his blood cries,  
And pierces the skies,  
A voice that could come from no other."

And now wicked Cain,  
With guilt and with shame,  
Denies that he knows where is his brother.  
A vagabond sure  
The curse must endure,  
And be driven from father and mother.

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### TO THE YOUNG, WHO READ THE HOPE.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, I will relate an anecdote which I heard many years ago.—

A good minister of Jesus Christ called on a family in his parish, to visit and dine with them. The man was rich, and he seems to have thought a good deal of his wealth. After dinner he took the minister out on to the house top to look around, and see his property "You see that house." "Yes." "Well, that is mine." "Yonder you see a fine farm. Well, that is mine. And yonder country seat, That is mine." He went on till he had showed the minister all he had. Said the minister to the rich man, "Do you see yonder little cottage?" "Why, what of that?" "There lives a poor woman who can say more than all you have said" "And what can she say?" "She can say, Christ is mine!"

My young friends, can you say 'Christ is mine' If so you are happy. But if not, make no delay to seek, and by the grace of God, choose that good part. Christ has loved us and died for us. And he is soon coming to save those who love him and wait for him

STRAYED — Into the way of Sin, from the fold of the Great Shepherd.—a number of naughty Sheep and Lambs. If this meets their eye, and they will take the straight path of Obedience back to the Sheep cote, they will find the Porter waiting to open the door for them. ]Sel.

WANTED.—Any number of good boys and girls who know how to pray in faith. The work is hard, but the wages are excellent, and the chances are numerous. For particulars see the Bible, and for further guidance consult the Lord Jesus.

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