

THE HOPE OF ISRAEL.

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the World's Crisis.
Thee.

Millions around fall,
; shafts our hearts befall;
; streathed arm,
; Rock of Azaa, safe in Thee.

able all my sorrow to assuage,

From most distant the blotted shades from life's dark and cheer-
; quered path.

Who I see through fully wandering, thy bliss prospects only I see.
; leading me in victor's pathway, Rock of Azaa, safe in Thee.

Of our courage balk, and trembling we creep in maze dark,
; And hope that there is success for the walk in mercy's ark.

But when, Father, we're staking in the charge of the sea,
; Take us by the hand and lead us, Rock of Azaa, safe in Thee.

Earth's decay; those grove's tombstones fill the vale and mourn-
; miss hour,

Wither'd, but when they perish, gone like branches on the shore;
; Beauty fades and riches perish, all is fading that I see,—

Fix me on a sure foundation, Rock of Azaa, safe in Thee.

Each day perils thicken round me, but pollutes no worshipping's heart,
; All the moral air is murky, all of earth is drear and dark;

But beyond Earth's deep pollution realms of purity I see,—
; May we find rest forever, Rock of Azaa, safe in Thee.

Letter from Iowa

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Dear Brother:—Your letter to Bro. V. M. Gray, July 3d, is received, and he handed it to me to write you a reply, he intending to write you next week.

The account you give of the churches of God in Michigan, looking for the appearing of the Lord; is to us very grateful information. We have often felt like Elijah when he made complaint against Israel; saying, "I, even I only am left, and they seek my life to take it away." We hope it may prove now as then, that the Lord hath reserved unto himself seven thousand in Israel, names that have not bowed the knee unto Baal, said every month which hath not kissed his image.

It is very encouraging to us to find, that unknown to each other, there are now found in bands of brethren and sisters, and many individual, related from each other, in several different States, who have believed the same things, taken the same position, set out to seek the same objects, by the same means; and so far as now appears filled with the same spirit, and leaving the same hope of inheriting the Kingdom of God; looking for it as high at hand. Surely we shall see the hand of the Lord in this matter. He who saw His servant, the prophet, under the juniper tree, and had compassion upon him in his affliction of spirit, hath looked upon His afflicted people of these last days, and provided consolation for them in the wilderness. These things give us hope that he is about to gather the "Many to be purified, and made white and tried," (as spoken of, Daniel 12: 10.) into clear bonds.

The churches of God in Wisconsin, looking for the appearing of the Lord, and the same class of churches in Iowa and some of the same faith in Illinois, have taken their stand upon the word of God contained in the prophets of Jehovah, and the apostles of Christ, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; admitting no other

authority for their faith, practice and discipline; yet are we waiting for the latter rain, spoken of by Joel 2: 23. If, as Peter said on the day of pentecost, that which then was seen in the apostles was a fulfilling of the prophecy of Joel, surely it was but the former rain; and the latter rain is yet to come, attended with wonders in the heavens and in the earth and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

We are glad you are about to issue a paper for an advocate and correspondence of those who hold the hope of Israel, and we purpose to seek its prosperity. We think however, that it would be for our mutual profiting and the advancement of the cause to hold a general conference at some point easy of access to all the parties interested, either in September or October; and we take the liberty to suggest, that you solicit correspondents upon that subject in your first issue, and after the matter is before you, decide upon time and place at the meeting of your next conference, Aug. 21, and then notify the churches, and faithful brethren of your decision, with an invitation to attend. In that way we hope you would be able to obtain much co-operation, and the brethren much confidence in each other.

Your's to servain the truth,
SAMUEL DAVISON.

My Experience.

I feel it my duty to inform the readers of the Hope of Israel, how I came to occupy the position that I now do, as a professed teacher of the Bible. About 31 years ago, I first made a profession of the religion of Christ. For one year I stood aloof from any creed, seeking for the true people of God. I then thought I had found them. I was baptized into the Christian Church, and remained with them until 1812 when I became an Adventist. All know we met with a sad disappointment in 1811. Our Lord did not come as we expected, and we were left without a star to light our pathway, for some time. At last God removed his hand and light broke in upon our minds, and we discovered that our disappointment was in perfect harmony with the teachings of the prophets.

About ten years ago a Seventh Day Advent minister, by the name of Bates, came to our town, and advocated the whole Law, the gifts of the Spirit, and many other glorious truths. The gifts belonging to the Church, I had believed in for over twenty years. Hence I felt to rejoice, supposing I had found the people I had been so long looking for. He told me that the gifts were realized among them, that they had the gift of prophecy, and the gift of healing the sick. But as long as I was with them I never knew of any being healed. I have known them to try but they always failed. In this I was disappointed. I also found that the spirit of prophecy, with them, was confined wholly to a woman. By this time I became suspicious that I had got on board the wrong ship. I then commenced giving her visions a thorough investigation. I found they con-

tradict themselves, and that they also contradict the Bible. My doubts concerning the visions I made known to the brethren. At once they gave me the cold shoulder, and I was held at bay. Not knowing any people I could unite with, I remained with them for years, hoping they would get sick of the visions of E. G. White, and that we could yet walk together in unity of spirit. But instead of rejecting them, as I hoped they would, they only drew the reins the tighter. At last I made up my mind I would not belong to a church that was ruled by a woman any longer. From that time the Bible has been my creed, with Christ at the head of the Church. I started alone, with my Bible in my hand. God has blessed my labors beyond my utmost expectations. We have some eight ministers, and some hundreds of members, in the State of Michigan. God has manifested His power among us in a wonderful manner. The eyes of the blind have been opened; the deaf have been made to hear; and almost every disease incident to the climate, has been cared through faith, to the number of about one hundred cases. We still feel determined never to lay down the two-edged sword, until the victory is gained, and we are called to exchange the armor for the crown.

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OUR SAFETY.—With God as our God, we are safe and happy everywhere. A gentleman crossing a dreary moor came upon a cottage, and entered into conversation with its inmate, who was standing at his garden gate. When about to leave he said: "Are you not afraid to live in this lonely place?" "Oh no!" said he; "for faith closes the door at night and morrow opens it in the morning."

IMPURE RELIGION AND TOTALY DEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS TO TURN THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS OUT DOORS IN THEIR AFFLICTION, AND TO KEEP HIMSELF SPOTTED WITH THE WORLD.

Isaiah Church (1840-50).

One hundred dollars a Sunday is about the expenses of a fashionable church in Boston. In New York the expense is not far from five times as much.

MAN'S INHERITANCE—A LORDSHIP.

The following is from "Typology of Scripture," by Rev. Patrick Fairbairn, of Saltom, Scotland, on the original inheritance of man:

"Man's original inheritance was a lordship or dominion, stretching over the whole earth.... When he fell, he fell from his dominion, as well as from purity; the inheritance departed from him.... What can the redemption of the inheritance be but the re-vening of this earth from the manifold ills which through the instrumentality of Satan have come to lodge in its bosom,—purging its elements of all mischief and disorder,—changing it, from being the vale of tears and charnel-house of death, into a paradise of life and blessing.—restoring to man, himself then redeemed and fitted for the honor, the sceptre of a real dominion over all its fullness,—in a word, rendering it in character and design what it was on creation's morn, when the sons of God shouted for joy."