(Written for the Phila. Evening Bulletin.) SABBATH READINGS. BY THE REV. EDWARD C. JONES, A. M.

A PERPETUAL COVENANT.

in Oome, and let us join ourselves unto the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgoten. "—ISAIAH 1. 5. Thus shall the house of Israel exclaim when emerging from the Babylon of unbelief, They shall acknowledge the claims to the Messiahship of the virgin-born and set their faces towards the Zion of perfect trust and calm adhesion to the faith they so long contemned and slighted. The antecedent captivities of Egypt and Babylon will then be seen to be but the prefigurements of a thraldom more deep and bitter, and the deliverance from both but the faint symbol of a higher, because an intellectual and moral emancipation. The covenant then made between Jesus and his people, his kinsmen according to the flesh, will prove to be a perpetual covenant. It will never be violated or forgotten, and under the imperial shadow of that league with Heaven they will fear no evil from man or harm from Satan. But we will take our text in an accommodated aspect, as shadowing the resolve of the individual soul in its hours of self-knowledge and conviction, and when the claims of Christ to its allegiance are as fully recognized as they will be by the house of Israel in the latter days of their nationa history. Such a heart with its vivid and sharp convictions is at once led by the Spirit to create an alliance with the Redeemer. It wishes to be in amicable compact with that Saviour whose grace is so desirable; whose favor is life itself, and whose love is a heritage of glory. And it is led to this decision because in consulting the word of God it finds the Saviour soliciting the reconciled soul to form this alliance with Him and to enter this circle of pledges in which the humble sinner and the Everlasting God reciprocally bind themselves to fidelity in their fulfilment. The Almighty Father knows that man would be incredulous of his reconcilement did he not bind himself to save the trusting spirit, and promise that the fealty of the soul would infallibly secure his protection. Hence the emphatic way in which God appeals to the inviolability of his pledges to the contrite bosom, as if to dissipate every mist of depression from the mind by even a studied assiduity. The hills may remove and the mountains may depart, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed. Thus encouraged the penitent soul deems it no presumption to form a compact with God, although at first sight there does appear an incongruity in such a federal alliance, for such in truth is the covenant of gospel grace. In other compacts, both the parties who stipulate are mortal. Their ranks in life may be vastly sundered, but they occupy the plane surface of a community of human origin. They are like lines of various altitudes it may be, indeed, but all standing on a common basis. But in this covenant of which we speak the mortal and the Eternal meet to join their hands in a mutual league and covenant. There may be no circumstances of glory or earthly grandeur attending the formation of this treaty, whose obedience is pledged on the one side and a heaven of blessedness on the other. It may be entered into between God and the willing heart in the solitude of a desert, or in the crowded wards of a public hospital. It was once formed by a dying malefactor, when nothing but a cloud of ignominy man-tled his earthly sky, and when even the Saviour, who was the infinitely higher contracting party, was also in the same position of scorn and suffering; but moral, if not physical, glory will always characterize the formation of such a covenant. Let the soul of Lazarus say to Christ-"I take thee as my Saviour," and let Jesus but say to that outcast-"I take thee as my ransomed child," and the alliance of empires attended with all the paraphernalia of earthly glory has not one grain of the mighty moral significance which attaches to such a league between the saint and his Redeemer. It is characterized by two things, its perpetuity, and the abiding memory of its august formation. The covenant is perpetual. From penitent Adam in the garden to the las sinner who willingly accepts the offers o grace through the sacrifice of Calvary, thi covenant holds its parallel and unbroken course. It has never had a new clause. It has never had an expunged section. It is susceptible of no modification to the end of the economy of grace, for man will always be a sinner, and salvation will never be offered but through the atonement of the one sinless victim who was made sin for us. There is also an abiding memory of its formation and the obligations imposed by it both upon the mortal and the Infinite. Man remembers it to his dying day and throughout eternity; and God remembers it forever. The former may, it is indeed true, prove delinquent. Solomon forgot the covenant made between himself and Jehovah at Gibeon, and many a one, like the Jewish king, has been oblivious of the registered vow and obligation, but the Eternal Father never fails to call to mind that treaty of compassion, and by his Holy Spirit often awakens the fresh remembrance of it in the bosom of the backslider, till in tears of sorrow, as in the instance of the apostle Peter, the treaty has a blessed renewal, and through Christ there is a resurrection and a life from the almost second death of a fast approaching apostasy. 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THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers. VALUABLE BUSINESS STAND 4-story Brick BAKERY, Steam Engine, Machinery, &c., No. 157 NORTH FRONT STREET, extending through to WATER STREET, 76 feet front. On TUESDAY, April 25th, 1561, at 12 o' clock noon, will be sold at public sale, without reserve, at the PHILADEL-PHIA EXHOANGE,

All that four-story brick messuage occupied as a Biscuit Bakery, with steam engine, bake-ovens, machinery, and -lot of ground, situate on

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VALUABLE PROPERTY, Nos. S13 and S17 WALNUT street, between Eighth and Ninth streets. On TUES-between Eighth and Ninth streets. On TUES-DAY, April 26th, 1561, at 12 o'clock, Noon, will be sold at Public Sale, at the PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE, the following described property. Clear of all incumbrance. Terms hatt cash, viz:

No. 1.—All that rhree-story brick messange with two-story back buildings and lot of ground, situate on the north side of Walnut street, No. S13, between Eighth and Ninth streets; containing in front on Walnut street 22 feet 3 inches, and extending in depth of that width 70 feet, then widening to 25 feet, and extending of that increased width the further depth of 65 feet, making the entire depth 135 feet. Together with the right of building over, (as now built,) the alley, 2 feet 9 inches wide, on the west, and the common use and privilege of said alley.

Immediate possession. See plan.

No. 2.—All that three-story brick messuage with two-story back buildings and lot of ground situate on the north side of Walnut street; No. S17; containing in front on Walnut street 20 feet 3 inches, and extending in depth 120 feet. Together with the right of building over and under one-half of an alley 3 feet wide, on the west.

Immediate possession. Keys may be had on application to the Auctioneers.

By the vacation of a court, 7% feet wide on the north, makes this lot 127% feet in depth. See plan.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—Estate of ORPHANS' OURT SALE.—E

at the PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE, the following described property, late of JOHN DUNSTON, deceased, viz: A brick messuage and lot of ground, situate on the west side of Eleventh street, between Anita and Washington streets, No. 1160. 34 feet 4 inches north of Anita street; containing in front on Eleventh street 16 feet 2 inches, and extending in depth to a 3 feet wide alley on the south line 63 feet 1½ inches, and on the north line 63 feet 1½ inches. Subject to a ground rent of \$68 per annum. By the Court,

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