

LETTERS TO MEDICUS.

NUMBER FOUR.

My dear Sir:—At the close of my last letter we had come to your citations from the Apocalypse; and I proposed to show why these two passages have no more weight with me than the others you have quoted in favor of your position. One of these texts—ch. 2, v. 26—occurs in the message to Thyatira.—Christ charges the faithful at Thyatira to "hold fast;" "that which ye have already, hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I have received of my Father." As I said before, this seems to me to refer to the future, and not the present time; when Christ shall receive the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. See 2d Psalm.

As in the text, "hold fast till I come," When Christ shall again "come," he will come as King—not, as before, in the "form of a servant"—and then rule over all nations, as well as the house of Jacob. Then those who have suffered with Christ through the ages of tribulation, will reign with Him. Then the saints shall possess the kingdom, whereas, in all previous ages they have been a "little flock," subject to various afflictions, generally poor and despised—for "not many of the mighty and noble are called; but God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty.

And so in ch. 3, v. 10, the same thought occurs: The redeemed sing, "Thou art worthy, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth." Just before this is your remaining text—Rev. 5, 8—the four and twenty elders having "golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints;" which symbol I suppose was designed to teach us that God hears the prayers of the saints (i. e. His people living on the earth) and remembers them—that they are, as it were, preserved before him continually, to be answered in due season. These are accepted petitions; prayers that have come up like sweet incense before God, and have secured for the supplicants an answer of peace.

But what is there here about the "invocation of saints?" There is nothing to indicate that these prayers were offered to the twenty-four elders; or that they were requested by the saints to offer for their prayers to God. Until this is shown, the passage avails nothing in proof of your doctrine.

I have now considered all your citations from Scripture in support of your position, and indicated what seems to me the true interpretation. I cannot but wish you had given at least references to other texts, which you say might have been adduced; for I cannot find any except the 28th chapter of the first book of Samuel. There Saul, because God would no longer answer him, seeks help from Samuël—asking the witch of Endor to bring him up. But this example would not argue much in your favor, for Samuel staid in consulting the witch and was punished for it, as appears from 1 Chron. 10, 14. And yet this is the only example I have found in the Bible of a person still in the body making a request of any kind to a departed saint. The rich man in the parable had himself departed this life, when he asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his relief. So that in all the Scripture, so far as I am aware, there is not one passage which speaks of the saints on earth making requests of those in Heaven in the manner described in your letters. And not only so, but there is not one passage which even mentions your "doctrine" in a clear and unmistakable manner. If you had known of one you certainly would have quoted it: for one such text would have more weight in the argument than all you could gather from uninspired sources. All your Scriptural proof is mere inference; and that not from the plain language of the Scripture, but your (what appears to me) very far fetched and unwarrantable interpretation. You do not quote a single text from the Old Testament; and that from the book of Tobias—which I do not find in the Old Testament—even on your own showing, contains not one word or even allusion to any "invocation" of saints or angels. If it were "direct proof of angelic intercession," it would prove nothing in respect to the intercession of saints, until you show that before the resurrection saints are

"equal to the angels" and employed in the same service; neither of which points have I yet found in the Scripture. And your citations from the New Testament, so far from expressly teaching it, have not even an allusion to any such doctrine or any such custom as you describe. In your second letter you propose to show that the doctrine in question "has been held by the Church from the very earliest ages;" but you do not show that it existed during the ages when the Bible was written—indeed you almost seem to admit that it did not. If your doctrine had been held by Moses, Samuel and the prophets, we should be likely to find some trace of it in their writings. If the apostles had held it, and esteemed it as you do, I think we should find some distinct expression of it, or allusion to it, in the New Testament. You seem to find plenty of such in the catacombs and writings of the Fathers; but none in the Bible. I cannot but think you hold the doctrine for some other reason than that you believe it is taught in the Word of God. Because "it is so beautiful," "so consoling," perhaps; as if there could be any beauty apart from truth; or any real consolation from an imaginary source.

But there are several other things contained in your letters, which I must defer to another letter.

Very truly yours, EVANGELIST.

NEWS ITEMS.

—It appears from recent experiments, conducted by the London Pneumatic Company, that one hundred and twenty tons of goods can be sent through their eighteen miles of tubes every hour, at a cost less than one penny to a ton per mile.

—The Ni-Wot Company's quartz-crushing mill, at Columbia City, Colorado, was burned on the 10th. It took fire from the blacksmith shop, and was completely ruined. This will prove a great loss to the Territory, as it was one of the largest there, having 50 stamps and containing an engine of 125-horse power. For some time past the company have been taking out \$2,000 per day. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

—The official returns of the State of New York show the vote at the recent election for Governor to stand as follows: For Fenton, Republican, 366,317; for Hoffman, Democrat, 352,510; majority for Fenton, 13,807.

—A correspondent from the Chincha Islands writes that the shipping at that place averages about ninety sail, and that the guano is disappearing so fast that another two and a half or three years at most will probably find the Chinchas deserted.

—A colored man drove through the streets of Richmond last Saturday in an open one-horse carriage made wholly of broom straw, with the exception of wheels and running gear. The wheels were sawed out of solid timber, and measured eighteen inches in diameter, and revolved glibly on their well-lubricated axles.

—The Meadeville, Pennsylvania, Republican says, it is now clearly demonstrated that the supply of peat in that region is almost inexhaustible. It abounds in nearly all the swamp lands in the country. In many places the deposit is twenty or thirty feet thick.

—Radicals think that the war kept the Southern States in the Union, and that peace put them out.—Practice.

—The preparation of the President's message and the reports of the heads of departments and the chiefs of bureaus is in a state of greater forwardness than heretofore, previous to the session of Congress. Some of them are partly in print, and the others nearly ready for the printer. The probability is that the press will be furnished with copies in advance of delivery.

—It has been ascertained that Maximilian's tenacity in holding on to Mexico, has been due to the expectations, encouraged by the report of his late agent in the United States, Marravo Degollado, just returned to Mexico, that a new civil war was in the eve of breaking out in the United States, and that this would certainly be the case if the Radicals carried the fall elections. It is expected that all such visionaries are now disappointed. The fact is known here, that Degollado could not obtain audiences either from President Johnson or Secretary Seward, while in the United States, all his efforts in that direction have failed, his statement to the contrary notwithstanding.

—Mr. West, the popular chief clerk of the Treasury Department, has sufficiently recovered from his late severe sickness to resume the constant duties of his office.

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THURSDAY, Nov., 29th, 1866.

THE DEMOCRACY STILL LIVES.—The result of the recent elections, although adverse to the Democracy, in all the Northern States, show unmistakably that this great national party, whose existence is coeval with the Government itself, not only still lives, but it actually growing in numbers. It used to be said by its opponents, that the Democratic party was held together by the "cohesive power of public plunder," that to cause its disruption it was only necessary to withdraw from it the patronage of the public offices. For the last five years all this "power," both National and State, has been wielded by the enemy, and with a spirit more relentless and proscription than was ever known in any country, and yet to-day the Democratic party is more powerful in numbers, and more confident in the rectitude of its principles, than it ever was before. Say not, then, that this great national organization depends upon the emoluments of office for its existence. Like the sap that gives life, and vigor, and beauty to the tender plant and the great oak, the principles of the Democratic party give life, and strength, and beauty to our form of Government, and without which, like the plant and the oak deprived of their blood, must wither and die. M.

—The second session of the 39th Congress meets at Washington on Monday, next. The President's message is looked for with much anxiety. The session will be one of the most important ever held. It is announced that Thad. Steven's conduct will be such as compared to which, all his former acts will appear to be of the most conservative character. M.

—The contest for U. S. Senator, to fill the place of Mr. Cowan, whose term expires on the 4th of March next, is becoming quite interesting. Cameron, Curtin, Forney and Stevens, are the prominent candidates. Curtin has decidedly the advantage in point of numbers; but as long as Simon is able to play "wig-wag," it is by no means safe to bet your money on the "soldier's friend." The fight promises to be highly interesting to Democrats,—who have nothing to lose. M.

—The Clearfield Republican came to hand last week very much enlarged, and very much improved in other respects. Friend GOODLANDER deserves credit for his enterprise, and the sterling Democracy of that county, we feel assured will not fail to reward him with their patronage.

THE NEWS.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, Nov. 26.—The Louisiana State Fair, though a first attempt, is a great success. To-day is the last but one, yet the interest is unflagging. It has already quickened the disposition to the use of improved implements and machinery in the South. The association has resolved to begin immediate preparations to hold another in November, 1867, and to erect permanent buildings for the use of the same. The Emory cotton gin takes the first premium, also, the hydraulic washing machines, Wheeler and Wilson's sewing machines, and the charter oak cooking stove. The piano which took the first premium was manufactured at St. Louis, and the second in New Orleans, though those of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore came in competition with them.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, S. C. Nov. 26.—The Legislature met to-day. The Governor's message strongly opposes the constitutional amendment, recommends the adoption of means to discourage the emigration of negroes. The debt of the state excluding the war debt is \$5,250,000.

FOREIGN.

London, Nov. 27.—Noon.—The Fenian troubles in Ireland have assumed considerable proportions and there is no doubt that a serious outbreak has occurred. Two regiments of national troops were urgently ordered to Ireland yesterday afternoon, and transports were being prepared all night at Portsmouth. A large detachment of marines was also sent over to Queenstown on the war steamer Plymouth. The London Globe hints editorially that a more serious trouble with the United States is at the bottom of the matter. The excitement is intense, and war seems to be inevitable.

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SECOND MONDAY IN JAN. 1866.

being the 7th day of the month and to continue the week. NOTICE is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables of the county of Elk, that they are by these precepts commanded to be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, with their rolls, records and inquisitions and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done, and that all Justices of said county make returns of all the recognizances entered into before them to the Clerk of the court as per Act of Assembly, passed May 8th 1864. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of said county of Elk, and to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. J. A. MALONE, Sheriff.

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