

Sunday Reading.

Hymnic Song.

Sometimes, in quiet reverie, When day is growing dim, The heart is singing silently A sweet, unwritten hymn.

Comfort in the Dark Hour.

'There never was such an affliction as mine,' said a poor sufferer, restlessly tossing in her bed in one of the wards of a city hospital. 'I don't think there ever was such a racking pain.'

'The gentle voice was heard again: "If God so clothe the grass of the field which to-day is and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith!"'

Anticipating the Last Judgment.

There is a story told of two soldiers who, being in the valley of Jehoshaphat, the one said to the other, 'Here in this place shall be the general judgment and therefore I will now take up my place where I will then sit;'

the Lord Jesus say to you, 'Depart!' These are no vain imaginings. If you remain as you are, they will be true ere long.

Life a serious matter.

Most people say, "Death is a solemn matter." And so it is. Death separates us from those we love, sinks the body into the cold grave, and sends the soul into the unseen world.

The Burning of the Books.

The people of Ephesus could not have given their heathen neighbors better and stronger evidence of their conversion to Christ than by the burning of their books on magic and other curious arts.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Joseph Cook's Lectures.

LECTURE 169 OF THE MONDAY LECTURE-SHIP. LECTURE 7 OF THE PRESENT COURSE.

Prelude: The Rationalism in the New Congregational Creed. Interlude: Questions answered. Lecture: Spiritual Truths verifiable by experiment: A Cosmopolitan Faith.

There is at the present time a reaction in England against the doctrine of probation after death. Canon Farrar approached but does not hold the doctrine. The last Bampton Lectures oppose it stoutly.

The New Creed has been published to the four winds. It is to be left to produce its own impression, is not to be enforced upon the churches. But it has several important omissions:

- (1) It does not make the issues of the judgment depend upon the deeds done in the body. (2) It does not assert a belief in the resurrection of the unjust as well as the just. (3) It does not make the Scriptures the only standard of religious truth.

LECTURE: SPIRITUAL TRUTHS VERIFIABLE BY EXPERIMENT.

I exalt Natural Theology but I recognize its limitations. Natural Theology is founded on truth. It belongs to the constitution of the universe. But it may not be fully ascertained by the unaided human capacities.

- (6) The Intuitions and the Instincts are the source of our faith in God, freedom and immortality. This faith is verifiable by experience. (7) The presence of God upon the soul and within the soul is never to be escaped by the soul in this life or the next. (8) It is self-evident that two cannot walk together unless they are agreed.

theless, there is a human power and duty in this matter. We have the natural power to open the door. When we open it and give to him who knocks the key, at that instant he enters and floods the palace of the soul with the effulgence of his own glory.

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