SERMON DELIVERED ON SABBATH MORNING DECEMBER 19TH, 1858, BY THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON, AT THE MUSIC HALL, ROYAL SUR-

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John iv. 19. CONCLUDED.

When we are on our knees in prayer, I feat that when we are praying for the church we do or church, our section of it. Now, he that lover Christ, if he be a Baptist, he loves the doctrine f baptism, because he knows it to be Scriptural; ut, at the same time wherever he sees the grace f God to be in any man's heart, he loves him ecause he is a part of the living church, and he es not withhold his heart, his hand, or his use from him, because he happens to differ on me one point. I pray that the church in these ys may have a more loving spirit towards herelf. We ought to delight in the advance of very denomination. Is the Church of England ousing from its sleep? Is she springing like a phonix, from her ashes? God be with her, nd God bless ber! Is another denomination eading the van, and seeking by its ministers to ntice the wanderer into the house of God ouring in the hedge and ditch, toiling for his Master ? God help him! Is the Calvinist seek-

ing to uphold Christ crucified in all his splendours? God be with him! And does snother man with far less knowledge preach much error, but still hold that "by grace are ye saved through faith," then God bless him, and may success be with him evermore. If ye loved Do you not know that Christ hath now a mouth

and all Christ's people? on earth, and hath left a hand on earth and a foot on earth still, and that if ye would prove your love to him, ye would not think that ye canno feed him-ye need not imagine that ye canno fill his hand, or that ye connot wash his feet? Ye can do all this to-day. He has left his poor gry, for they need bread, and their tengue is parched for they need water. You meet them they come to you; they are destitute and afflict ed. Do ye refuse them? Do you know who I was ye denied at your door? "leasmuch as yo did it not unto one of the least of these, my breteren, ye did it not to me." In rejecting the petition of the poor, when you might have helped them, you rejected Christ, Christ was virtu ally the man to whom you parsimoniously refused the needed alms, and your Saviour was thus rejected at the door of one for whom he himsif had died! Do you want to feed Christ? Open your eyes, then, and you shall see him everywhere in our back streets, in our lanes, in our alleys in all our churches, connected with every branch of Christ's people, ye shall find the poor and the afflicted. If ye want to feed Christ, feed them. But ye say that ye are willing to wash Christ's feet. Ah! well, and ye may do it. Has he no fallen children? Are there no brethren who have sinned, and who are thus defiled? I Christ's feet were foul, ye say, ye would wash them; then if a Christian man has stepped aside seek to restore him, and lead him once more the way of righteousness. And do you want to fill Christ's hands with your liberality? His Church is the treasure-house of his alms, and the hand of his church is outstretched for help, fo she riways needs it. She has a work to do which must be accomplished. She is straitene because your help is withheld from her; pour your gifts into her treasury, for all that we ca give unto her is given to the Lord Jesus Christ Finally, to stimulate your love, let me remine you that Christ Jesus had two trials of his love which he endured with firmness, but which ar often too much for us. When Christ was high and glorious, I marvel that he loved us. I have known many a man who loved his friend when he was in the same low estate; but he has risen and he has disdained to know the man at whose table he had fed. A lofty elevation tries the

we which we bear to those who are inferior to is in rank. Now, Christ Jssus, the Lord of heaven and the King of angels, condescended to fore he came on earth, and always called us brethren; and since he has ascended un to heaven, and has re-assumed the diadem, and ce more sits down at the right hand of God be never has forgotten us. His high estate has er made him slight a disciple. When he ode into Jerusalem in triumph, we do not read hat be disdained to confess that the humb! hermen were his followers. And "now though he reigns exalted high, his love is sti as great;" still he calls us brethren, friends ; still he recognizes the kinship of the one blood. And yet, strange to say, we have known many Christians who have forgotten much of their love to Christ when they have risen in the world. "Ah!" said a woman, who had been wont to do nuch for Christ in poverty, and who had had a great sum left her, "I cannot do as much as I used to do." "But how is that ?" said one. Said she,

When I had a shilling purse I had a guin heart, and now I have a guinea purse I have a shilling heart." It is a sad temptat to some men to get rich. They were content to go to the meeting-house and mix with the igno-ble congregation, while they had but little; they have grown rich, there is a Turkey carpet in the

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is not so fashionable as to allow them to intro- from a Judge of our land. If it had been some so much encouraged after such a season of dark- equate; and three centuries of the fluctuating duce any religious topic when they meet with "common Reverend" that had said what the ness and declension. a said what the perhaps waning per their new friends. Besides this, they say they Judge did, we should never have known the inare now obliged to pay this visit and that visit, tention of Thomas L. Connolly, as to the future.

Yesterday and the Sabbath before were in deed and in truth "refreshing seasons from the creasing vigor and expansion of evangelical reand they must spend so much time upon attire, But now we see that eighty thou tion to the ardency of thine affection add Samuel

But once again : what a trial of love was that, when Christ began to suffer for us! There are Government, giving to the people and not to the many men, I doubt not, who are true believers. and love their Saviour, who would tremble to come to the test of suffering. Imagine yours: If heaven's king. The doctrine of justification by my brother, taken to-day into some dark dungeon faith alone, and believer's baptism, are the weaof the Inquisition; conceive that all the horrors of the dark ages are revived, you are taken down a long dark staircase, and hurried you when before these heaven-born principles every know not whither, at last you come to a place, kind of political despotism, and ecclesiastical far deep in the bowels of the earth, and round about you see hanging on the walls the pincers, " Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is the instrument of terture of all kinds and shapes. There are two inquisitiors there, who say to you, "Are you prepared to renounce your heretical faith, and to return to the bosom of the church?" conceive my brethren and sisters, that you would have strength of mind and grace enough to say, "I am not prepared to deny my Saviour." But when the pincers began to tear the flesh, when the hot coals began to scorch, when the rack began to dislocate the bones : when all the instruments of torture were wreaking their hellish vengeauce, unless the supernatural hand of God should be mightily upon you, I am sure that in your weakness you would deny your Master, and in the hour of your peril would forsake the Lord that bought you. True, the love of Christ strong enough to bear us through; but I am afraid that with many of us here present, if we had no more love than we have new, we should come out from the inquisition miserable anostates from the faith. But now, remember Chris He was exposed to tortures, which were really more tremendous, far. There is no engine of Romish cruelty that can equal that dreadful torture which forced a sweat of blood from every pore. Christ was scourged and he was cruc fied; but there were other woes unseen by us which were the soul of his agonies. Now, if Christ in the hour of sore trial had said, "I disown my disciples, I will not die," he might have come down from the cross ; and who could accuse him of evil? He owed us nothing; we could do nothing for him. Poor worms would be all that he would disown. But our Master, even when the blood-sweat covered him as with a mantle of gore, never thought of disowning cluding this monster demon from our land. My father," said he once, "if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." But small, yet they have secured the labours of Brothere was always the " If it be possible." If it ther Marshall for half his time, and I hope the he possible to save without it, let the cup pass; Great Head of the Church will revive his cause, but if not thy will be done. You never hear him say in Pilate's hall one word that would let Esq., I was treated with all the warm-hearted you ir agine that he was sorry he had under- kindness which characterizes the home of a New taken so costly a sacrifice for us; and when Brunsweek farmer. The following week was his hands are pierced, and when he is parched spent among my friends in Butternut Ridge, with fever, and his tongue is dried up like a where I spent a Sabbath with my good Brother potsherd, and his whole body is dissolved into Wallace, who, I am sorry to say, felt it to be his the dust of death, you never hear a groan or a duty to resign his pastoral charge of that church shriek that looks like going back. It is the cry on account of his health. It was heart-cheerof one determined to go on, though he knows he jing to see the strong ties of affection that existmust die on his onward march. It was love that ed between Pastor and people, and with what recould not be stayed by death, but overcame all luctance they accepted his resignation. At the

these gentler times, are we about to give up our home, as well as at other places. Master, when we are tried and tempted for him? Young man in the workshop! it is your lot to be eered at because you are a follower of the Saiour; and will you turn back from Christ be enuse of a jeer? Young woman! you are laughed at because you profess the religion of Christ, shall a laugh dissolve the link of love that knits your heart to him, when all the roar of hell could not divert his love from you. And you who are suffering because you maintain a rel'gious principle, are you cast out from men; will you no hear that the house should be stripped, and that you shall eat the bread of poverty, rather than dis honour such a Lord? Will you not go forth from this place, by the help of God's Spirit, vow ing and declaring that in life, come poverty, come wealth-in death, come pain, or come what may, you are and ever must be the Lord's: for this is written on your heart, "We love him, because he first loved us." land, was killed ja-t Priday

mutted, were on the eve of their appointments .- News.

For the Christian Visitor. UPPER HOPEWELL CAPE, Feb. 7th, 1859. Messrs Editors,-As I have been for som time past visiting quite a number of different localities, I thought a few lines for the "Visitor" night not be amiss, particularly at a time like is, when every class of character is to be found addressing the public through the me have all slike been trying their hand at the work, heart and home for a Baptist Minister. We have great reason to bless God that we live During the last week I have be

and in maintaining their station and respects pleare being trained by one man, for the pur-bility they cannot find time to pray as they did, pose of destroying every thing that is Protes-The house of God has to be neglected for the tant and British, and placing in its stead every party, and Christ has less of their heart than ever thing Romesh, even to our Judges, and Lawhe had. " Is this thy kindness to thy friend?" makers. When will Christians wake up and And hast thou risen so high that thou art asham- throw off the last remains of Popery from all ed of Christ? and art thou grown so rich, that their religious movements? and " stand fast in Christ in his poverty is despised? Alas! poor the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free." wealth! alas! base wealth! alas! vile wealth! If there is one thing more than another for Twere well for thee if it should be all swept which I desire to praise God, it is that his Spiaway; if a descent of poverty should be a restora- rit has led me to unite with the people that are the very antipodes of Rome.

> The genuine democracy of Baptist Church Priest the power to manage their own church affairs, guided alone by the High authority of pons that heaven has designed for the destruction of the Man of Sin; and the day must come tyranny shall pass away; when it shall be said. become the habitation of devils."

I did not at first intend to have said so much by way of introduction, but when I remember, that I too am a Bishop in connexton with the body of baptized believers, who where called into existence by the great Head of the Church long before a Romish Pope or Bishop had been recognized on earth, I felt inclined to notice some of the passing events, to which I believe the attention of every thinking mind should be di-

I left home on Dec. 11th, 1858, and spent my first Sabbath with the little Church in Norton, spending the week with my friends in Upper Sussex, where I lectured and preached. Here I among the Railroad men ; yet others who ought to be among the friends of Temperance are its enemies. While here, I felt it to be my duty to preach a sermon on this great subject, from the words," Wo unto the man that giveth his neighbour drink." It was the first Sabbath in the new year; and that morning one engaged in that fearful business, had been suddenly called to meet his God, while suffering from an attack of delirium tremens," leaving a dear companion and a family of little girls in this cold world of ours, without a father's care. Here too might be seen on the Railroad line going from section o section, a character, which I had never seen before, a walking Rum Shop; a fellow with a keg on his back, and a glass in his pack, selling to the men at the different cuttings.

When will the day come that the Pulpit and the Platform shall be unitedly engaged in ex-

The Brptist Church in this place is quite in this region. At the house of William Stone, house of Deacon Keith, every thing was done Now, what say we to this? We who live in that could be to make me feel happy and at

At Sn ith's Creek and Mill Stream I enjoyed myself very much among our Methodist friends. I tried to preach in their Meeting-house a number of times, and felt it good thus to be engaged in proclaiming my Lord and Master's boundless love to dying sinners. At Smith's Creek, Squire Nowlen kindly gave me the use of his new house for my lectures, and they were very well attended indeed. From the acquaintance I formed with the Squire, while receiving his hosoitality. I am led to hope that the day is not far listant when he will stand among the law makers of our land. At Mill Stream I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Allea and family ; and also with the Hon. John H. Ryan, at whose house I spent a week; and judging from the manner in which I was treated. can say, that in being placed where he is in connexion with the Government of our Country, it is only rendering " Honour to whom honur is due. The last night of my lectures there the Louse could not hold the people.

From that place I proceeded to Upper Salisbury; here the little Church has just passed through a season of revival, under the faithful ors of Brother Herrett. Here I had the use of the Temperance Hall for my lectures ; and notwithstanding that our good friend Deam of con Steves is crowded with Railroad business he press. The Priest, the Rector, the Bishop, and people, yet there is a warm place in his

presence of the Lord." Yesterday week Bro- ligion in Great Britain and America, attest on a ther II. baptized eleven; and nine more yester- grand scale the vital connection between Sabdays making twenty-two since the work began, bath sanctification and the ascendency of the It appeared that every thing in nature was unit- gospel, and them, nature as dous to let in mg, yesterday morning, to praise God for the It will be found throughout Europe that attenfor him to return to his Ministerial duties for some time. Hoping this rambling epistle will not be too long for the Editor's patience,

I remain, Yours, &c., tods & restel ateving a ni EDWIN CLAY.

A MODEL MERCHANT

"I dined yesterday," says a letter dated London. Oct. 10, 1853, " with -, who may well be called a model merchant; not because business seems the business of his life, but precisely because it is not so. He makes business sub-

politely, however, and said, " Come to my count - crowded to overflowing. ing room in business hours, between twelve and The discourse was by Rev. D. C. Eddy, of three, and I will give you ail the information you the Harvard Street Baptist Church. had his share of business, making business a hearts to him who asks them. pleasure, and yet as brief a pleasure as possible, most agrerable men I met with in the counting-house was —; but out of his 'money-mill,' as Am I addressing any women, once the joy of I indeed told him, he was the most uninterest- her parents, now an outcast; who once had a he knew nothing of their contents, although his who once was loved and respected, but now library shelves were as well filled as mine; pic- loathed and scorned; any one who like that poor tures, and art, and literature, and music, were girl the other day burnt in a house of il repute but as so many words whose rich significance in another city, and who left a touching declaramost is to shake off their fetters, and force them- say :- woods line with board of a selves into a purer and more life-like atmosphere | Once I was pure as the snow-but I fell than they inhale among warehouses and ships. Fell like snow-flakes, from heaven to hell; Some of them know this now and are coming over here for 'recreation;' but it will do them Pleading, cursing, desiring to die, no good if they fall brck into the o'd channels Selling my soul to whoever would ouy; when they get home.' ----'s conservatory is Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread a very bijou of exotic dreamland; and you could hardly suppose it was the pet pleasure of a man And yet I was once like the beautiful snow. who does so much in ____molasses!"

NO SABBATH, NO RELIGION.

The following condensed view of the inseparable connection between the sacred observance of the Lord's day and the propriety of evangelical religion, is from a recent document of the in Europe"-containing the report of the Secre-

the continent on the subject : A holiday Sabbath is fatal to the growth and

salvation of sinners; the atmosphere was clear dance on the means of grace, the diffusion and and calm, while the sun looked down upon us study of the Scripture, works of Christian benewith the warmth of a Sabbath in May. Yet all volence, all the signs and fruits of a living faith the beauties in nature failed to inspire our souls are graduated and may be determined by the with the feelings produced by seeing two hus- measure in which the Lord's day is held in sabands, followed by their wives, and a Mother cred esteem. As a general fact, the pulpit has with her eldest and youngest daughters, the lat- little power; the masses being almeated from ter a child a little over eleven years of age, with its influence, or dispelling its impressions by the a number of others, following their Lord and misuse of the closing hours of holy time. The ing the Word of God, and holding religious Master in that way which he appointed for Bible is, for the most part, a sealed book, be-Christians, to declare their faith in Him who cause the season specially designed for its study, died for them and rose again. The prospects is devoted to worldly pleasure. All schemes for are still very good at Hillsborough. The popular evangelization are feebly conducted, and Churches at Harvey and Hopewell Cape have fail in popular efficiency. The conviction will been revived under the preaching of Brethren | deepen with every month of observation, that till Coleman and Fitch, the latter, however, I am the Sabbath in Europe is re-established upon its sorry to say, has been obliged to leave his post divine sanctions, error and irreligion will abound, for the present from ill health; after labouring and a general reformation and revival of a spiribeyond his strength at Hopewell, he went to tool faith must be hopeless. All efforts from Hillsborough to assist their Pastor; and then within or without to this end must be fruitless broke down. - For some time fears were enter- till the grand mistake of the sixteenth century tained of his recovery, but at present he is doing be corrected. Such is coming to be the convicwell, but I believe it would be quite imprudent tion of some reflecting men in Germany and Switzerland.-It may be strengthened by the careful guarding and the increased efficiency of the British and American Sabbath; and by the reflex influence on he old world of the emigration to the new, when that emigration shall have been instructed into the claims and benefits of the sacred day, and brought under the power of of be seving prayer, and now legeog gnivil a

PREACHING AT THE NATIONAL THEA-

he is never the slave of busi- ing for the first time opened for religious worness. I was asking him, after dinner, about the ship. A larger or more curious crowd probably colonial trade, of which he is thoroughly con- never before besieged the doors of this ancient versant, but to my surprise he waived reply, very temple of the drama. Pit and boxes were alike

want. I have made it a rule for many years ne- My friends, said Mr Eddy, in commencing, ver to talk business away from busines.' This we meet here to-night under peculiar circumled to further remark, when he told me that he stances. We come not to gaze upon some asdevoted as little time as was absolutely neces- tounding tragedy, not to make these walls ring sary to business purposes; and experience had with our laughter and our mirth, not to behold shown him that as much could be effected, in a the exhibitions which are wont to greet the eyes well-regulated counting-house, between ten and of those who assemble here. We come to sing three, as longer. That he let his clerks do for of Christ, to worship God, to hold up before you him all that they could do, he and his partner do- the crucified Redeemer, and to implore you by ing only what the others could not do; he had every noble and generous motive to give your

Am I, said the peaker, addressing any man confining such thought and action within as few who has broken away from virtue, who spends hours as he could; and when he left his count- his money in riotous living, who has no care ing-house, he would no more let commercial for God or life, but who haunts the gay saloon, matters intrude into his domestic and social life and the places or lewd and disgusting reveland conversation, than he would let a snake into ry, who can swear and curse and blasphene God his pleasure-grounds! 'If your countrymen and who is on the road to hell? If there is such would let business be an accessory and not an a person here, let me say to him stop! You are end of life, they would find life a very different committing soul suicide; stop, ere all is lost; matter than many, to my knowledge, now do. God invites thee; angels invite thee; Christians When I visited the States, in 1849, one of the invite thee; the road that thou art travelling is

ing : he could talk only of business; as to books, home and friends, and now none but false friends; were lost to him. What your countrymen want tion of her sin, sorrow and shame, one who can

> Fell to be trampled on as the filth of the street Feil to be scoffed, to be spit on and beat; Merciful God! have I tallen so low?

A CHURCH WITH TWO HUNDRED

Fifteen years ago last December, a Council of brethren met in the Oliver street Baptist meeting-house, and resolved to receive into their fellowship the First Baptist Mariners's church, New York Sabbath Committee-" the Sabbath consisting of fourteen members. The church was mostly sustained by the fostering care of the tary's investigations in Great I ritain and on New-York Baptist Female Bethel Union; efforts formerly made by other associations had been unsuccessful. Soon after the organization of the prevalence of evangelical religion. Sabbath- church, the present pastor accepted a call o keeping and vital picty are so indissolubly asso- come and labor with them, and like a true aposciated as to make the former a certian index of the and minister of Christ, has given his life to the religious condition of any community. The the mariners' cause. About this time, the Baprospe. accomplishes its object as the Sabbath tist churches of New-York and vicinity resolved day is regarded according to the purpose of its to build a meeting-house for this little church appointment. Germany reads us a terrible les- and for this purpose, a committee of seventy son on this point. It was the home of the Re- brethren were appointed to carry this resolution formation and would have been to this day, but into effect. This committee labored together for the false leaven which vitiated the sanctity more than a year, and dissolved, giving up the of the Lord's day. Recoiling from everything work to another organization, called "The Mapositive and ritual in the Papal system, the reac- riner's Church Society." This Society was formtion of the reformers in the direction of the ab- ed for the special purpose "of building a house, or

guage of the pastor, all was given up into the hands of the ship's company, and they left to sink or swim, as the providence of God might decide. During the last year, the blessed Saviour has

placed his seal of approbation on this cause, in a wonderful manner. The church has had one hundred and ninety six added by baptism, making the present number three hundred and fifty. These embrace about twenty different nations and languages. Over two hundred of these are men of the sea, one hundred and six of whom were baptized this last year, and have been sent out from this church with special instructions to labor as missionaries among their shipmates, on board of vessels and in distant ports, distributmeetings, and in visiting and aiding our missionaries in foreign lands. Religious meetings have been held, both day and evening, the past year, and are still continued, with great success. The prayer-meetings commenced by our brethren on the ships of our Navy, and on board of our merchantmen, are increasing in interest, and the most cheering reports reach us from many of our brethren in distant parts of the world, of great good accomplished by their labor. We have, in the men of the sea, the representatives of the nations; the languages of the nations; and among these are literally some of the princes of the nations; and having become inured to the trials and toils of sea life, they are prepared to face any peril, and endure any privaions. And their familiarity with different lan guages, some being able to speak, with flu-ney, three or four, emmently fits them for missionary work.

With five or six thousand dollars spent in this cause, we have reason to believe that tenfold more might be accomplished, in converting the nations to Christ, than twice the amount expended in any other way. This is truly a missionary church, occupying an important place at homebut whose field is the world. Will brethren and friends, aid us in this work by your prayers and your contributions? Bear in mied the fact that about 200,000 seamen visit New-York in a single year, from other lands. Many of these, if converted, would carry back to the ir own countrymen the glad tidings of salvation, without charge. All of these, by the providence of God, are brought to our own doors o receive the gospel at our hands.

THE LITTLE ANGEL

A gentleman in the neighborhood of London was once induced to visit a poor woman who was ick. When he entered the room, he perceived a litt'e girl kneeling at her bedside, who immediately withdrew. On inquiring who the child was the sick woman replied,

'Oh! sir, it is a little angel who frequently comes to read the Scriptures to me to my great comfort, and has just now given me sixpence.

On further inquiry, he found she was one of the girls belonging to a neighboring Sundayschool. He took an opportunity afterwards of questioning this child as to the reason of her conduct, when she answered,

Because, sir, I find it is said in the Bible that pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows n their affliction."

Well, and did you give her any money?" 'Yes, sir.'

'And where did you get it?'

Sir, it was the reward given me in the school.

That was truly charity of the highest kind, and might afford a fair opportunity for expatiating on the manifold benefits which the children of the poor and of the rich too, derive from Sabbath-school instruction.

THE DAILY CROSS.

The difficulty in religion is the taking up of the cross daily, rather than the taking it up on some set occasion, and under extraordinary circumstances. The serving God in little things, the carrying of religious principles into all the minutiae of life, the discipline of our tempers, the regulation of our speech, the domestic Christianity, the momentary sacrifices, the secret and unobserved self-denials :-- who that knows anything of the difficulty of piety, does not know that there is greater danger of his falling in these, than in trials of tar greater cost and sterner endurance? It is not, comparatively, hard to out the armour on, when the trumpet sounds out it is to keep the armour on when there is no larm of battle. And the warfare with our spiitual enemies is not warfare in a series of pitchdbattles, with intervals for resting and recruitng ; it is rather daily, hourly, momentary fightng ; this is the driving out "by little and little," which the Almighty promises " the reward of be inheritance."- Rev. H. Melvill.

A SOFT ANSWER

The horse of a pious man in Massachusetta appened to stray into the road, a neighbor of he man who owned the horse, put him into the ound. Meeting the owner soon after, he told him what he had done, and added, If I ever atch him in the road hereafter, I'll do just so

Neighbor,' replied the other, 'not long since I looked out of my window at night, and saw

drawing-room, they have arrangements now to a spleadid to permit them to invite the poor of the flock, as once they did, and Christ Jesus of the flock, as once they did, and Christ Jesus of the flock, as once they did, and Christ Jesus of the flock, as once they did, and the work given over to the hands of solved, and the work given over to the hands of the flock and the work given over to the flock and the work given over to the hands of the flock and the work given the flock and the flock and the work given the flock and the flock and the flock and th said seeing several large posters by the Nerrows with marked suggests. A forteight through the instrumentality of a projected from