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A LEAF FROM MEMORY.

Brightly the sunbeams dance on the crystal waves; softly floats the feathery cloud through the etherial blue; sweetly sings the robin from his perch in the giant willow...

How startling is the knell that tells us He has gone! That earnest voice, Filling the temple-arch so gloriously With themes of import to the undying soul...

THE SUBSTANCE OF A DISCOURSE DELIVERED AT THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION IN NEW-CASTLE, MICHIGAN.

BY REV. C. SPURDEN, D. D. "It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."

Having defined the faith delivered once for all to the saints, I propose to consider— II. Why it is the Christian's duty to contend for this faith.

1. Because eternal life is connected with the belief of the truth. The grand design of the apostle John in writing his Gospel, was to produce in his readers belief in the Messiahship of Jesus.

2. This faith has a practical tendency. Faith is not only compatible with efforts to promote the glory of God, but actually produces them.

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of a trumpet, the slumbering church to deeds of missionary zeal. Some of them even placed themselves at the head of the forlorn hope, that went forth amid the pity of philosophers...

3. Another reason to induce us to contend for the faith, presents itself in the sanctifying effect which it produces. That this is one distinguishing characteristic of divine truth...

Again, in our own mother-land, during the last century, vital religion was at a low ebb, and corruption of morals was sadly prevalent, both among the clergy and the laity.

HOME SOLITABLE.—No. 2.

The elector here is God. The elected are all who are blessed with every blessing of the Spirit. Had not God chosen us before, we would not have chosen him in time.

Electon, as an eminent divine would have it, is, not the choice on the part of God of individuals to holiness, as the text before us teaches...

special view of this passage, to suppose it to refer only to the enjoyment of external privileges, to imagine that it merely describes the choice of Gentiles to religious advantages...

We now turn to another opponent, not less distinguished as a writer and a theologian. The Rev. R. Watson is a fair type of what has recently been termed evangelical Arminianism.

By this ambiguity in the use of the term election, its date is eliminated from this system, in opposition to the plain dictate of the text.

"HOW LONG WILL IT DO TO RISK IT."

In one of our churches, not long since, when the outpouring of the Spirit was felt in its refreshing influences, when the hearts of the children of God were subdued in a grateful tenderness...

Up to this time Edgar L. had been mild and patient, always listening with respectful attention to all that was said to him on the subject of religion, a sweet gravity on his handsome face, exhibiting no feeling, but a calm indifference.