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Darkness, and a settled, deep

Silence, that is felt by all. And the mighty despot, Sleep, Holds the sons of men in thrall.

Darkness: not a blade of grass,

Scarce a zephyr seems to pass:

Or a tree, or hill, or vale,

Then a stir out in the east,

And the world awakes to feast,

And the chorus song is heard, For behold! God's glorious fight

On the mountains is unfurled,

And the joy comes to the world

Not a miracle is wrought TWhen the flash of light is spread

And the hills are silver-bright,

Daily, to our look and thought,

Every morn the light awakes, Every midnight Nature weeps.

Comes the wonder overheard.

Every night" the darkness sleeps,

Every morn her pleasure takes

Not a single tay of light.
Shoots its colour through the gloom.
Shall it, then, be endless dark

On the sea through which I wade ?

Courage ! though the night be long,

With the first faint sound of song

He will show the open door .-

Neither darkness, grief or wave, There shall reach me evermore.

Circular Letter

M. THE WESTERN NEW BROASWICK BAPTIST ASSOCI-

Dear Brethren. The subject of this annual circu-

love is greater, yet faith is speken of in Scripture as "precious" and indispensable; for without it we can not please God.

prerequisite to church membership, is disregarded

they have departed from the primitive apostolic example. Let us then, as the bousehold of faith, attend

to this distinguishing characteriatic. The following definition of the term we find in

WNow faith is the substance of things hoped for

the evidence of things not seen;" or in other we

it is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction

Those sublime spiritual verities, which neither com

within the sphere of the senses, nor could be discovered by a process of reasoning, have been viewed by

aith; and an abiding conviction of their reality and preciousness, influences the believer's heart and life.

"Faith is the medium of contact between the benefit and the subject of that benefit; between eternal life

rovided, and the spirit for which it is provided."-

"It is the link of union between the salvation as prepared and perfect without ourselves, and our own

personal being." tell is the mysterious link in the

the weakness of the creature with the almightiness

Faith is supernatural. When Christ reveals him

self graciously to the sinner, an assurance of the di-vine favor and faithfulness accompanies that revela-tion, and a conviction is produced in his enlightened

oul that he shall experience all the blessings of re

emption. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which

thor of the truth, and having declared that His Word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which he please and prosper in the thing whereunto he sent it, accompanies the proclamation of the truth with his benediction. "How shall they believe," said the apostle, "in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Who then is Paul and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."

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It admits of degrees. An increase of Scriptural knowledge will enlarge the sphere of faith's action; but an increase of faith respects the development of the principle itself, and is a greater force of persua-

sion, a more unshaken confidence in revealed truth, and is apposed to "staggering through unbelief."—
The doctrines of the gospel impress some so that they can venture their salvation on Christ with trembling hope; with others these doctrines produce full assurance of faith accompanied with joy measurable.

ance of faith, accompanied with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Rev. Robert Hall, in his address to the Rev. Eustace Corey, said, "Faith, considered as a mere speculative assent to the truth of a divine tes-

a mere speculative assent to the truth of a divine testimony, may be looked upon as uniform or stationary; but when we consider it as a practical principle, as one of the graces of the Spirit, we perceive it to be, in common with others, susceptible of continual enlargement and increase. In the degree of power, which future and invisible realities exert over the mind, in the practical energy of what men profess to believe, in the promptitude and certainty with which it determines them to a correspondent conduct, there is the utmost diversity, even among those who believe with the heart. The faith to which the Scriptures attach such momentous consequences and ascribe

the Epistle to the Hebrews.

He will teach me to be brave, He will help me to the shore,

God will spread His light once more;

Nor a light from out the ark

Render me the less afraid?

Hold fast the form of sound words. 22 Timethy, i 13

SAINT JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1867.

faith, for God having promised them the land of Ca- because it is the record of events that have taken that they might believe and trust in him. And to whom did be swear that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? The prophets taught the same doctrine when they spake of the sure ferings of Christ, and of the glory that should follow.

The voice of the Baptist in the widerness was repent. A sinful man could not man the unsearchable riches of Christ and the and believe, Our Saviour bimself inculcated the same create such a myth, or draw the picture of such, truth when he said, "He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, hath everlasting life."

"Ye believe in God, believe also in me." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; and be that believeth not shall be danned." "Have faith in a good man would not if he could. God and God." In preaching the Gospel of the grace of God, holy angels cannot deceive, and it is adverse to

the Apostles taught particularly the nature, necessity, the designs of Satan to have such a faultless picture presented to the children of men for their give evidence that they believed God, trusted in imitation and love. Christ and His Gospel are Christ, and looked for their rest and reward in that grand facts, blessed realities, the power of God unto salvation to every one that believed. The Apostles ascribe a mighty power and influence unto salvation to every one that believeth. It spiritual light and life are imparted.

It gives evidence of the new birth. By it Christ dwells us with facts—and that ther have done so in the heart.

it. Whatsoever is not of faith, is sin. It manifests work than to ereste and preserve the whole maexhibited in works and labors of love. Here we are terial universe, It is a greater work than the taught that faith is a divine gift, communicated in the creation of man or angels. Christ is the Son of reception of the truth; that it has distinguished the God. The purity of His life, the benevolence and servants of God in all generations, imparting to them power manifested in His miracles, His sufferings supernatural power, which has been exercised in va-rious degrees, but always enabling the possessor to overcome the world, resist the devil, and lay hold of eternal life; and that it ascribes to God all the glory

inheritance is yours. The present aid and comfort of the Spirit—the future eternal weight of glory—all things are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is s. It is enough to animate believers in the Masservice to hear him say, "Ask, and ye shall we" "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name. together in my name, there am I in the midst of them "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Lo, I am with you alway, even duto the end of the world." Relying, then, on the word of God, on the aid of the Spirit, on the continued presence of Christ, the Church is prepared for her mission. The treasures of earth and the treasures of heaven are at her command. Freely she has received, and freely she gives. She has a store of divine wisdom, knowledge, and power. The gates of hell cannot prevail against her. Under the power of her faith, Antichrist shall fall. By faith all the kingdoms of this world shall become

stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.—
As christian churches you believe the Word of God:
you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, and have avowed your trust in Him: Of none other but Bap-ist churches can this be said, that "ye are all the Rev. G. M. W. Carey's Sermon before the Western

the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Epistle to the Romans, 1st chapter, 16th verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ : for it is

Now the Gospel is declared to be the power od. Why is it spoken of as the "power of God?" During four thousand years of the world's history it was predicted that Christ should be a conqueror and the Gospel a system of power and successful aggression. On the introduction of sin, Christ was spoken of as the seed of the woman-the Deliverer—who should bruise the serpent's head. The patriarch Jacob, before he closed his eyes n death, gathered his sons together that he might tell them what should befall them in the ast days; and "his son Judah he called a lion's whelp, a lion, an old lion, from whom neither sceptre nor law giver should depart, until Shiloh come; and unto Him should the gathering of the people be." Balasm, looking down from the high places of Moab on the tribes of Israel as they rested in their tents in the valley, was constrained to oretell that a Star and a, sceptre should come out of Jacob, and that a mighty one wielding that Sceptre should smite the armies of Moab, destroy the children of Slieth, take Edom for a possession, have entered into the heart of man, the things which God bath prepared for them that love him. But God bath revealed them unto us by his spirit." And of the Holy Spirit Christ says, "He shall take of mine and shall show it unto you." "All men have not faith." "It is the gift of God." Christ is its "author and finisher." The Holy Spirit imparts it. "And faith," said the Apostle Paul, "by the same Spirit." The preaching of the Gospel is designed to produce it. God, being the object of faith, and the author of the truth, and having declared that His Word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomdo valiantly, and have dominion." David, the sweet singer of Israel, in inspired and imperishable strains, sung of the Messiah, Jehovah's Anointed, the King that should reign, sending the rod of His strength out of Zibo, until His dominion should extend from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth, blessing and being blessed, making an end of tears and prayers, fill ing the earth with his glory and both heaven and earth with His praise. These predictions, like threads of gold, give connection, unity, unfading beauty and priceless value to the psalms of the "Monarch minstrel." The prophet Isaiah, styled by some the fifth Evangelist, spoke and wrote as if he had actually seen the evidences of the power of the Gospel. He described it as "good tidings for the meek, binding up the broken-hearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prisons to them that are bound;" and the Great Deliverer as "coming from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrab. glorious in His apparel; travelling in the greatness of His strength, speaking in righteousness and mighty to save." In holy vision Daniel saw "a stone cut out without hands, which smote the great image, whose brightness was excellent, and the form thereof terrible; and the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces and became like the chaff of the summer hreshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Thus by patriarch, and poets, and prophets, Christ was spoken of as a conqueror and the Gospel as the rod of

Its strength.
The Gospel is the power of God, because edictions and promises made so long before the birth of Christ were really and literally fulfilled. The Jews had certainly sufficient notice given them in the law, the prophets, and the Psalms, so that they might put to the test of the severest crutiny the character and claims of Jesus of Nazscrutiny the character and claims of Jesus of Nazareth. His life, and doctrine, and miracles, all, were before His disciples. His friends and foes, open to the strictest inquiry, and the most searching examination. Christ never shunned, but rather invited investigation. There was no guile found in His mouth, no fault in His life; "He was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."—

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It gives evidence of the new birth. By it Christ dwells in the heart. Pardon, justification, sanctification, is confirmed by many infallible proofs,—it follows and salvation are its effects. Adoption, preservation, that the Gospel is divine; and being divine, the and access to God are ascribed to it. It produces power of the Eternal God is in it. It manifests the peace, confidence, and joy. It is necessary in the Christian warfare, and all difficulties are overcome by it. Whatsoever is not of faith, is sin. It manifests

and death, predicted by Himself and literally ful-filled, when He had the power necessary to destroy His enemies that sought His life; the wonders that through Christ, ever looking to attended His voluntary death, His resurrection on the third day as He foretold, and the glorious as-Brethren and sisters in the Eord, you are the successors of those who through faith and patience the Son of Man to be the Son of God. of The Aurona winherit the promises. To you are committed the thor and Finisher of our faith is divine, and His Gospel is like Him and worthy of Him. It is the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, originating in His eternal purpose of mercy, which he purposed in Christ Jesus before the world began. The testimony of Jesus before and after His incarpation comes to us through inspired men. The Bible is the Word of God that fiveth and abideth forever. In the Gospel we see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. God has stamped Dis vinity upon it; it is ever fresh; original and vigurous ; it has the dew of its youth ... As God never faints nor is weary, as there is no searching of His understanding, so the Gospel never falters, never fails; it sustains itself to the end; it triumphs everywhere it is believed; like the Captain of our salvation, it goes forth conquering and to conquer. Minerya was said by the aucients to come from the brain of Japiter full grown and, in complete armor, but the volume of devised by the Blessed Trinity; that it is clothed God-head; it is the wisdom and the power of God. But the Gospel of Christ is the fulfilment of law, God's law, broken by man. Christ has fulfilled the law in His active and passive obedience, and has become the end of the law for righteous-

ness to every one that believether Law is the method by which a force operates. The law of God in its unchangeable and inflexible justice is the expression of God's holiness against sin and sin-ners. The apprehension of God's holiness is the first step in coming to Christ. Without this there is no motive to seek the Saviour. A man must have a sense of danger before he cries out and seeks to fly from it. The Apostle says, "With out the law sin is dead. I was alive without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revi-ved, and I died." "The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." It reveals to us the presence and nature of sin, our helplessness and hopelessness, and our need of a Saviour able to save to the uttermost. Pardon is designed for the guilty it involves the idea of previous guilt : for it would be nonsense to talk of pardoning a man under no condemnation, or of exercising mercy towards one not liable to punishment. The cross of Christ, with the Son of God's love extended upon it between the darkened heavens and the quaking earth, and the entreaties of the Gospel, the glad tidings of pardon and reconciliation in harmony with Jehovah's perfections, blending holiness and compassion, justice and mercy, prove the sin of man more clearly and impressively than the cheru-bim and flaming sword of Eden, or the light-

nings and thunders of Sinai. But love moves the heart, the understanding, the will, and controls the entire man. A man assimilates to that which he loves. There is a mysterious power in love. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." The love of home, wife, children and friends exerts a strong influence on the mind and heart. We have innumerable instances of this and of the great sacrifice men have made for the objects of their love. The Gospel exhibits love without parallel—everlasting, almighty love, the love of the Triune God. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." "The love of Christ constraineth us because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; beliefd, all things are become new." Who can meditate on the love and sufferings of Christ manifested in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and not be moved by

Was ever love like thine?"

The Gospel is the power of God not only in manifesting the love of Christ which passet h knowledge, but also in being the ministration of the Divine Spirit. The Gospel is written, and should be spoken, not in the "words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth." The Sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Coming from the Spirit and with the Spirit, "the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing assurder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discurrent and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerne of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Christ of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Christ ing examination. Christ never shunned, but rather invited investigation. There was no guile found in His mouth, no fault in His life; "He was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."—Christ is all that He claims to be; He is one with the Eternal Father; He is God manifest in the flesh; Emmanuel, God with us. And now the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus the Christ, form one of the most reliable

er to the thirsty, clothing to the paked, a house o the homeless, and rest to the laboring and

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fulness of blessing. "In Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhesd bodily." The Gospel is ust what we need and all that we need. It has he promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come? orpler

The Gospel is the power of God, because Christ

exalted to the right hand of the Majesty on high. Christ is not now, as He was on earth, the despised and rejected Nazarene, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. All power in heaven and earth is given unto Him, and He is head over all things to the church, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. The forces of the universe are commanded by Christ. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is a universal and everlasting King. His mediatorial reign shall be consummated " when He shall have given up the Kingdom to God even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power," but Christ's sovereignty as a Divine Being, as the incarnate Son of God and as the Head of the Redeemed, can never end. The kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our God and of His Christ. The Gospel cannot be a failure, for it is the sceptre of minanuel's sovereignity. Through the exaltation of Christ, the triomphs of the Gospel were inaugurated on the day of Pentecost, and the rod of Christ's strength went forth from Zion, and it goes forth still in the preaching of the Word Though the Gospel finds in the heart of every patural man an enemy, yet it exists and spreads. and it is constantly furnishing trophies, of its power, so that in the desert of our sin stricken world a highway is being prepared for our God.

The valleys shall be exalted and the mountains and hills be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord s alarmed, supposing that John Wai makeda that

In the Gospel, Emmanuel goes forth to the conquest of His foes. As David sings in the 45th salin, "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty; with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousnes, and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies, whereby the people fall under thee." "Thy throne," O. God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy Kingdom is a right sceptre."

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build so ut a The Planeto Jupiter of which toge to This splendid planet, which is much the largest f the solar system, may be seen rising every evening in the South-East. It is said to be now 400,000,000 of miles distant from the earth, which is 200,000,000 nearer than it is sometimes. Its diameter is 89,000 miles. Distance from the sun-490 millions of miles, revolving around it in little less than twelve of our years. It turns on its axis in less than ten hours. Has nearly 1400 times the bulk of the earth; but its density being only 11 to water, it contains about 300 as much matter. The light at Jupiter is the twenty fifth part of what is enjoyed at the earth. The great balk of the planet, and short space of time in which it revolves on its axis, cause the relocity of its equitorial parts to be predigiously greatnot less than 26,000 miles an hour awould ax

Jupiter is about sixteen times further from us than we are from Venus; and although the solar light on this planet is only about one-fiftieth part of what is had at the latter, yet to the naked eye, as at the present time, Jupiter frequently appears as large as Venus.

On account of its superiority in size among the planets, this one is called Jupiter, the name of the most distinguished of the heathen deities. It has no inclination of axis, and therefore no change of seasons. Polar regions, perpetual winter; about the equator, perpetual summer. Were the axis inclined like that of our earth, one portion of its surface would, alternately, be deprived of the sun's light, and have constant day for nearly the space of six of our years; surrounded with belts, supposed to be clouds floating in the atmosphere, parallel with his equator, interspersed with lark spots, which are supposed to be clouds more dense than others. It is by the observation of these latter through a telescope, the time of Ju-

piter's rotation on its axis has been ascertained. To compensate for its want of light, occasioned by its remoteness from the sun, Jupiter is constantly attended by four proons, or satellites, which revolve around it. These moons are too distant from us to be seen by the naked eye; but with a telescope, they present a most majestic appearance. They were discovered in the year 609. They often fall into the shadow of their primary, in consequence of which they are eclipsed, as seen from the earth. The eclipses of her moons have been observed with great care by astronomers, because they have been the means of determining the exact longitude of places, and the velocity with which Lieur moves through space. An eclipse of one of these, appears, by ilculation, to take place sixteen minutes sooner, when the earth is in that part of its orbit nearest to Jupiter (as now), than it does when the earth is in that the most distant. Hence, it is found, that light is sixteen minutes in crossing the earth's orbit; and, as the sun is in the centre of this orbit, or nearly so, it must take about eight minutes for the light to come from the san to us. Light, therefore, passes at the velocity of ninety-five millions (our distance from the sun), in about eighty minutes, which is nearly two hundred thousand miles in a second.

No wonder the Psalmist exclaimed, on contemplating the starry heavens, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handy work." Psalm xix. 1; and Sir Isaac Newton temarked, after devoting a life to astronomical studies, "I feel like a little boy, playing on the beach with a few pebbles, while the whole ocean lies untonched and und scovered before me."
Our earth is but an inconsiderable ball, compared with even some of the planetary bodies belonging to our own system. One would contain 900 clobes as large as this earth, another 1400; and were 500, as large as that on which we dwell, arranged on a vast plane, the outermost ring of

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cumference thirteen hundred thousand globes as arge as our world, and more than sixty millions of globes of the size of the moon! The celebrated noral constitution; it violates no law of our be. Dr. Dick remarks, most truly, "to contemplate all ng; it fulfils all that it promises to accomplish; the variety of scenery on the surface of this lay minary, would require more than thirty-five thousand years, although a landscape of 5000 square miles in extent were to pass before our eyes every hour. A UNIVERSE IN ITSELF; and ten thousands of years would be requisite before human beings, with their present facilities, could thoroughly investigate and explore its vast dimensions and hid.

den wonders as is the sun, and its sprounding planets, they dwindle into a point, when we wing our flight towards the starry firmament. Before we could arrive at the nearest object in this firmament, we should have to pass a space of at least twenty billions of miles in extent pla space, which a cannon ball, flying with its atmost ver locity, could not pass over in less than four mil-

Wheresoever we look, we see traces of the Divine hand; to whatsoever quarter of creation we turn ourselves, the awakened car will catch the echoes of the Divine voice. Our object in gathing ering a few facts, and combining them in a pleas ing and attractive form, in reference to the sublime and imposing subject of astronomy, has not been so much to render christianity science as no render science christian as No subject, cerns tainly, can be better calculated to gain the attention of the young, and raise in the mind a highly improved state of moral sentiment and feeling. The poet truly said, "An undevout astronome

Where all is eloquent of Christ, and Lots, a gall to! the bread earth a so lemp area seems. And the arch'd sky a bended ceiling grows, leb Whose lamps are planets in their burning strines; of all Wonder is priestess, and the mingled choirs.

The organ—music rolled from waves and winds, 1742 of the organ—music rolled from waves and winds. While the deep worship is the unconscious swell estu-of Nature, when her blent hosannas rise ... To bless the architect, and Source of all. 2019 R. s.

Oloho, N.B., Qot. 4th, 18672 a ni nateriaken si dolid.

on soch and The Great Pyramidomer out or ogre-A curious theory concerning the Great Egyeta an Pyramid has been promulgated by Professorit Eaton, of New York, although not original withou him. Mr. Thomas Taylor, of London first, were

believe, conceived the startling theory that the yramid was inspired by divine Providence to. afford the Egyptians a standard for their weights and measures. Professor Eaton has set forth the theory as follows: The pyramid was perfectly symmetrical, with five sides and five angles. It was originally 762 feet on each side, and is now the highest and largest building erected by man. in analyzing the ancient cubit, and came to the conclusion that ht was 25 inches and a little more. The circle which forms the correlative to the pyramid consists of 365 to of these, pubits, thus corresponding to the year. The pyramid was made plane to the meridian, without hieroglyphica or secret inscriptions, as all burial places of anti-quity did have which are found everywhere else. The box which was found in the centre of the body has been commonly supposed to be a sacrophagus, but there is no appearance to bear this theory out. No procession of priests could enter, and it is indeed difficult for anyone. The granite of which a portion of the pyramid is made is not found near at hand, and indeed mot closer than Mount Sivai. The structure seems to be built on the most correct principles of geometry. It coincides in pointing with the North Star, or that star which, in the procession of the equinoxes four thousand years ago was the Northern Star. The Professor furthermore showed that the temperature of the central room was uniform throughout, thus affording a place for keeping weights and measures; that the box affords an exact ful quid measure; that water was found in the bys; amid itself, thus giving pure material for careful examination; that the opening in the pyramido looked out on the lower culmination of the North Star at the time of its erection, and not on the upper, because the Pleiades would interfere with its view; and that it is on the exact spot for the ourpose of taking astronomical observations. This is one of those things-"Important if true."

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Travellers who visit the Falls of Niagara are directed to a spot on the margin of the precipicet over the boiling current below, where a gay young, lady, a few years since/lost her life. She was delighted with the wonders of the unrivalled scene, and ambitious to pluck a flower from a cliff where no human hand had before ventured, as a directed to a spot on the margin of the precipice memorial of the cataract and her own daring. She leaned over the verge and caught a glimpse of the surging waters for down the battlement of rocks, while fear for a moment darkened her excited mind. But there hung the lovely blossom. upou which her heart was fixed; and she leaned in a delirium of intense desire and anticipation over the brink. Her arm was outstretched to grasp the beantiful form which charmed her fan cy, the turf yielded to the pressure of her feet, and with a shrick, she descended like a falling star, to the rocky shore, and was borne away gasping How impressively does the tragical event illus-

trate the way in which a majority of impenitent sinners perish forever. It is not a deliberate purpose to neglect salvation, but in pursuit of imaginary good, fascinated with pleasing objects just in the future, they lightly, ambitiously, and insanely venture too far. They sometimes fear the result of desired wealth or pleasure, they seem to hear the thunder of eternity's deep, and recoil a moment from the allurements of sin; but the solemn pause is brief, the onward step is taken, the fancied treasure is in the grasp, when a despairing cry comes up from Jordan's wave, and the soul sinks into the arms of the second death.

Oh, every hour life's sands are sliding from b eath incautious feet, and with sin's fatal flowe in the unconscious hand, the trifler goes to his doom. The requiem of each departure is an echo of the Saviour's question, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Northern Christian Advocates sees blide a ted oldenlag ban

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