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REVIEW OF S. E. L. ON PUNISHMENT: AND STRICTURES ON MR. SCOTT'S STRICTURES.

In the Christian Banner for February we see an article headed "The Wicked and their Punishment," signed S. E. L., some things in which we design to review. The writer begins by referring to some work published he says by a "Papal Divine," but we do not understand what resemblance the essay in the November Number of the Banner which he seems about to review can have to this papal work from his description of it. The resemblance must be in his imagination.

Our reviewing friend enquires how it can be inferred "that God could make an evil Spirit to be the powerful active enemy of the human race." As to this inferential enquiry, we would say that we never inferred any such thing, nor do we affirm that God made or caused the devil to be the enemy of man; but we know an evil Spirit has become the enemy of man and the accuser of the righteous; for the word of the Lord informs us that the devil is the author of sin and "the father of lies." He also rules "in the hearts of the disobedient," and blinds the mind of "the unbelieving." Our friend also enquires "how God could prepare a place burning with fire and brimstone." As to how God could or could not do it we leave others to say; but we boldly say that fire represents hell which is or will be prepared for the devil and his angels, and that in it the wicked will have their portion. Matt. 25; 41, 46.

Our reviewer seems to think that the punishment of the wicked does not accord with the character of God as developed by the Saviour when on earth, but from what this is learned he does not say; certainly not from the fearful threatenings given by the Saviour and his apostles. Matt. 7: 23, 25, 41; 2nd Thess. 1: 7, 8, 9. He admits that every violation of law will be followed by punishment, and then refers to the cases of the prodigal and Judas seemingly to prove that all punishment is in this world; but whilst these cases may show that these sinners did