

## SECOND SABBATH.

**DOCTRINE.**—God never disappoints those who trust in Him.

A soldier lay dying in the Hospital, in terrible agony. A visitor asked him, "what church are you of?"—"of the church of Christ," he replied. "I mean, of what persuasion are you?" Persuasion, said the dying man, as his eyes looked heaven-ward, beaming with love to the Saviour. "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."

A lawyer of intelligence had been attending meetings under the labours of Mr. Earle. One evening after a sermon, an opportunity was given for remarks. This lawyer arose, and said, "I have often heard of the power of prayer, and I don't believe one word of it, but, if you want to take a hard case, take me." Mr. Earle asked him to come to the front seat, where they would pray for him. He replied, "I will do nothing of the kind; but, if you have power in prayer, try it on me." Before the close of the meeting, Mr. Earle requested all to go to their closets at a special time and pray for Mr. O.; and wished him to remember that they were praying for him. On the third evening after, Mr. O. was present, seeking for mercy. Soon he was rejoicing in Christ. His law books were sold; and he is now an eminent minister of Christ.

## THIRD SABBATH.

**DOCTRINE.**—Falsehood—its guilt and punishment.

A little news boy, to sell his paper, told a lie. The matter came up in Sabbath School. "Would you tell a lie for 3 cents?" asked a teacher of one of the boys. "No ma'am!" answered Dick, very decidedly, "For a dollar?"—"No ma'am!"—"For a thousand dollars?" Dick was staggered. A thousand dollars looked big. Oh! would it not buy lots of things? While he was thinking, another boy behind him roared out "No ma'am!"—"Why not?" asked the teacher, "because when the thousand dollars is all gone, and all the things they have got with them are gone too, the lie is there all the same?" answered the boy.

It is so an uncommon thing to hear great liars calling for curses on their heads, if what they say is not true.

A few years ago, a woman who lived in a small town in England, purchased a bedstead for thirteen shillings. She handed the salesman a pound note, and he gave her the change due her. A short time afterwards she returned to the shop, and asserted positively that he gave her eighteen pence

too little change. This the shopkeeper denied, stating the exact coins he had given her. She, however, persisted in saying he had cheated her, and she said she wished she might die before she left the house if she was not telling the truth. He handed her the money, and while putting it in her purse she dropped dead.

A poor woman in the Workhouse at Milborne Port, England, being once charged with stealing some article, wished God might strike her dumb, blind, and dead, if she knew anything about it. At six o'clock she ate her supper, as well as usual. Soon after her speech failed, her eyes closed, and in an hour she was dead.

## FOURTH SABBATH.

**DOCTRINE.**—Christ the mediator between God and man.

Christ's being a mediator of reconciliation, implies *the ardent love and large pity that filled His heart toward poor sinners.* For He doth not only mediate by way of entreaty, going betwixt both, and persuading and begging peace, but he mediates in the capacity of a surety by paying Himself under an obligation to satisfy our debts. Oh how compassionately did Christ's heart work towards us! Our mediator, like Jinnah, His type, seeing the stormy sea of God's wrath working tempestuously, and ready to swallow us up, cast in Himself to appease the storm. I remember how much that noble act of Marcus Curtius is celebrated in the Roman history, who being informed by the oracle that the great breach made by the earthquake could not be closed except something of worth were cast into it, heated with love to the commonwealth, he went and cast in Himself. This was looked upon as a bold and brave adventure. But what was this to Christ's offering?

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## Other Missions.

### Presbyterian Missions in China.

There are now in China missionaries from the Presbyterian Church of England, the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, two Presbyterian Churches in the United States, and for the Canada Presbyterian Church. The foundations of mission work in the great Chinese Empire, were laid in much suffering and blood. So far as the American Mission is concerned, the work as it now exists is carried on under many different forms, and occupies *fifty-five* missionaries, male and female, from the United States, and forty-four native preachers and helpers.