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## The Heavenly Visitant. BY JOHN WATERS.

" BEHOLD, I stand at the door, and knock: i eny man hear my voice, and epen the door, I will some in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

REVELATIONS, III. 29.

WELCOME, bright Guest of Heaven! Lo! at the outward threshold of my door I kneel to Thee, with grace unknown before: Thy knock my heart hath riven!

I know Thee who Thou art! Spirit of my ascended Lord and King! Enter, possess, and rule ! - Let me Thee bring Within my heart of heart!

Take all I have to give: My soul, redeem'd, forever be Thine own ! Forever, at the footstool of Thy Throne, Thus let me gaze and live!

And art Thou here, at last? Wilt Thou convert, accept, with me abide? May I, to Thee, each grief, each hope confide ? Could'st Thou forgive the past ?

This heart of guilt, of stone ? This wayward, fickle, contumacious soul? And of my secret sine, the long, long Roll-Could'st Thou for these atone ?-

All power of Heaven is Thine! \* Long have I known thy glorious Works, oh Lard But them, not Thee, have woshipp'd and adored! Now Thou, Thyself, art mine!

Spirit of Gop! bright guest! See of the Bible ! of my inmost heart ! then of my pardon'd Soul !- la Pers part My Comforter, my Rest!

Exceeding great Reward Of Thine atoning Sacrificial Love! How dost Thou raise my thoughts this world above. Saviour, Deliverer, Guard!

Such, such Thou art to me ! La here, e'en here, within my inmost breast, Reign Thou o'er all, and let me be Thy Guest, And let me sup with Thee!

Assist thy servant I and In holy converse bland to sup with Thee ! As face doth answer face, set each doubt free By Thine own precious word.

Sublime each thought: the Soul, As leaven leaveneth the whole, restore-To Life, till Love no compass hath for more, And Heaven imbue the whole!

The whole, the whole to Thine ! Van Earth with ail thy blan lishments adien-

years ago was in great affliction. He had been very wealthy and much respected. He had a large family, and had great comfort in them, for they were religiously instructed. In the arrangements of Providence, this man was made poor and childless. He was also afflicted with painful and loathsome disease. And to add to all, his ferends became calumniators and tormentors. There were seacommunion with 11m, very designation. At timate up my miner, and an it of the low awful will your condemnation be, if complaints, and used language which was quite unsubmissive, not to say irreverent. the ground, before the Majesty of you high doctrines, so powerful in its effects in correct happiness of your soul! You will lament the Then again piety would resume her place, heaven and this fair earth, entered afresh ting our conduct and purifying our hearts, foolish bargain for ever and ever. O then, and his faith would stine forth gloriously. like the sun emerging from a cloud which I would here record, what he there and then and severe trials of human life, that I am and receive mercy, grace, and glory, as the had concealed it for a moment, and its brightness was the more striking. In one that, be my path and employ where and soothing convictions, you have too much that, be my path and employ where and soothing convictions, you have too much that, be my path and employ where and soothing convictions, you have too much that it may in future life, He will give humanity as a man of feeling, and too much for his could have too what shall a man give in exchange.

days are past, my purposes are broken off, order; Faith enough triumphantly to over- severe in your attempts to deprive me of even the thoughts of my heart.".

How many are there now who have these same thoughts! I have just heard of an ac- the way; Love enough to do and suffer all quaintance, that he has "failed." i.e., his his pleasure, in the spirit and manner He property is gone. He is insolvent. His would have me; and Purity, unsullied by plans are broken off. What they were I all I may pass through, from either earth or know not; charity would hope that purposes hell. On my part, I have re-engaged to of usefulness were among them, for he was walk in this Light, to live in this Love, to an office-bearer in the Church. Doubtless exercise this Faith, and to watch over this he also had plans for the education of his Parity, by his help, every moment of my children. From circumstances, I think it added existence. While thus engaged with not unlikely that he had planned for a comfortable retirement from business, and for ther how absolutely I depended, for all the days of ease and enjoyment in life's decline. shility needed to keep my covenant with But all of these plans are suddenly "broken. Him, on his Elect in whom his soul delight-off." His wealth is gone, and with it have ofth, and receiving from I Lim the conscious gone various schemes which were dependent influx of the Holy Ghost into my heart, I on it.

quaintance whose purposes were suddenly vow unto the God of his father. I thought, broken off. He had made new investments, I have no oil to consecrate with—here is no and had just arranged to seturn to his home, pillar to erect—I have only these sweet probably hoping comete realise profitable wild flowers in my hand; but I will lay then

Aspirants for power enchancement their plans.
Aspirants for power enchancement that power lar favour is as unutable as the wind.
So many disappointments. The crops do not yield as was anticipated. The ship did not arrive in season to gain advantage of the market. The enterprise is far-less profits bed monition, from the faltering lips of an English gentleman of exalted rank and high bile than was expected. The best does not along it to tempt to doubt his trusting makes a county, or state, has defeated the election.

The appointment was given to a more advant to remote the live shafty years, have passed through various situations in life, and have The appointment was giver to a more adroit, or, at least, a more successful, competitor. The loss of one battle wrested a crown from the grasp.

And then death will come. Usually he comes much sooner than was expected. He calls the young maiden from the toilet where wedding, and she is dressed in the winding- flictions. pians, purposes, and engagements must be broken off." The scheme of wickedness, or the plan of benevolence—an endeavour to relieve and comfort the portand afflicted, Advocate could enable me to bear up under for a few pence? Would not that man or a purpose of Oppression and robbery- the terrors of death. death.

Since things are so, is it not wise to have We read a better to quantance with the thoughts and all things in readiness for breaking off? Vereasonings of pure and lotty minds?—Dr. Saup. tary of pleasure and vice, are your affairs in such readiness? Seeker of riches, honours power, or faine, are you ready to have your plans broken off? Follower of Christ, are your plans and labours in the cause of your Lord as you would with they were, were they this night to be broken off?

## Covenant Engagements.

This morning in my solitary walk my

come and be more than conqueror over all that which I value beyond all the treasures the difficulties, trials, and impediments of on earth. Jehovah, the Triume God, telling the Fawas strongly reminded of Jacob's memorials A few days since I heard of enother ac where he assointed the pillar and vowed the I have no oil to consecrate with-here is no probably hoping secondar realises probable returns. But a messenger kneeked at his door. It was death. He is gone!

How liable are allowribly place and purposes to be "broken off?" Rankly things are unstable. They who are in purpose of I shall forget it no more for ever. Gloriches find that the markets change the establishments of the Bon, and the Holy Ghost! On British comes deranged, some unforced white place.

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through various situations in life, and have for the most part kept what is generally called good company. I have associated with kings and the companions of kings. I have been generally esteemed a fortunate man, and as you all know, have had my share of honour, profit, and enjoyment. I have not, she was prepering for the ball-room or the as some of you know, been without my af-

sheet. He startles the young man from his But of all my pleasures and comforts, ness, and he is had in the grave. His sum- unalloyed, as those derived from religion, coverably lost mons calls the farmer from his plough, the In all my pains and disappointments, nomechanic from his shop, the lawyer from the thing has afforded so much inward support and the favour of God is its reward. court-room, the statesman from the senate- as Christian consolation. Even now, at chamber, the minister from his study or pul- that awful moment which sooner or later pit. And when that summons is heard, all you must all experience, when I am on the plans, purposes, and engagements must be point of being called into the presence of

And test need the Large Paying! an intention to seduce to chime and ruin, or an endeavour to reclaim and save;—all never wholly absent from your minds. schemes, plans, engagements, worldly pros- Whenever any rash man, whether a freepects or hopes-all must be haid aside for thinker, a reformer, or a modern philosopher, shall endeavour to shake your belief on these points by argument, by sneer, or to a man who gains the whole world, and by laughter, reply to them as I have frequently had occasion to do,- Sir, I acknowledge the strength of some of your positions, and the ingenuity with which you support them. I do not, I will not deny that the system to which I profess myself a devoted pupil has its difficulties; but as it is bath-breaking, dear bought lies, dear bought the business of a Christian humbly to adore, rather than to call in question the unfathomable depths of Providence, let me ask if your hypothesis is wholly free from difficulty?

But whether I am mistaken or not, is soul was drawn out after God, and in my now wholly out of the question. I have Salvation is freely offered you, and you are communion with Him, very delightfully. At made up my mind, and am resolved to trust intreated in his word to receive it freely; but impulse within; and falling on my knees, on anity. I find it replete with such excellent you prefer the pleasures of the world to the into covenant with Him, and He with me. and such an unfailing support in the various come and hear the invitation of the gospel, registered, and scaled in the courts above, resolved never to part from it. Under such gift of God. "What is a man profited if he and gloom, he what it may in inture life, He will give numarity as a mail of feeling, and politeness as a well-bred gentleman, to per- for his soul?" Matt. xvi. 26.

## Thoughts on Religion.

It signifies nothing to say we will not change our religion, if our religion change not us.

If a man lives and dies a mere professor it had been better for him if he had lived and died a mere heathen.

It is not talking, but walking with God, that gives a man the denomination of a Christian.

Darkness-may as well put on the name of light, as a wicked man the name of a Chris-It is our main business in the world, to

secure the happiness of the next. A desire of happiness is natural; a desire of holiness is supernatural.

If we are willing, God will help no: if sincere, God will accept us. A serious remembrance of Gud is the fountain of obedience to God.

Four things a Christian should especially labour after, namely, to be humble, thankful. watchful, and cheerful.

If we would not fall into things unlawful, we must sometimes deny ourselves in those Salvation then draws near to man, when

it is his main care. Religion must be our business, then if will be our delight.

It will cost something to be religious; it will cost more not to be so. . . The gate which leads to life is a straight gate, therefore we should fear; it is an open gate, therefore we should hope.

Do the Lord's work in the Land's time :
-pray while God hears; hear while God speaks; believe while God promises; shey

while God communds. Religion is much talked of, but little understood, till the conscience be awakened: then a man knows the worth of his soul, and the want of a Saviour.

If we expect to live with Christ in heaven, we must live to him on earth.

Our opportunities are, like our souls, very dreams of future pleasure, riches or great- none have been so durable, satisfactory, and precious; but if they are lost, they are irre-

The service of God is the soul's works

# The Foolish Bargain.

make a foolish bargain, who agreed to go seven years as a slave for a week's rich living? Would not that be a foolish bargain, for a man to sell all he had in the world for three draughts of sweet liquor? But all these are good bargains, compared loses his soul. What foolish bargains do many make, who, for a few sinful, shortlived pleasures, sell all their hopes of a better world : and, to please the appetites of the body, neglect the soul, which must live for ever and ever! That is dear bought sabswearing, dear bought drinking, dear bought neglect of salvation, which is purchased with the losing of the soul. Consider, my friend, what you are doing, and buy the truth, and sell it not. Jusus invites you to buy wine and milk without money and without price.