

THE PRINCESS ALICE.

TO THE QUEEN, ON THE MORNING OF HER DEATH.

I'll be a Queen to-night mother! I'll be a Queen to-night!

'Tis seventeen years since first I wept, And I have wept since then—

My home was bright, and I was glad, For I had treasure there.

I often kissed with tearful eyes, The hand that struck it down!

I am not able, Mother Queen, To lift my vase again,

Thou art not here my Mother Queen, To bathe my throbbing brow,

December calls thee, Mother Queen, To give the loved away

Farewell, farewell, my mother dear, Fair England's wedding-ring

THE TEN KINGDOMS OF IRON AND CLAY.

THE DOWNFALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE—THE TRUMPETS AND WHAT THEY REPRESENTED—THE REIGN OF MOB LAW APPROACHING.

Those who braved the blinding snow storm to bear the third of the course of lectures by Principal Dawson, on the subject of "The present and the future in the light of prophecy and history," were well repaid for their venture.

The Western Empire lasted till A.D. 476 years, or 163 years from the establishment of Christianity.

At the beginning of the 7th chapter of the Apocalypse, John sees the Roman world, calm, quiet, and still, but he also sees something different.

threatenings of the barbarians being stayed and the quiet for a time. What was to be done in this breathing space? God was to seal to himself a remnant "from the tribes of the children of Israel."

ABOUT TWO PER CENT of the nominal Christians' God would call Christians. The doors are open to all, but the greater part are nominal Christians, not actual.

The sealed ones are brought before us at the end of the chapter in a different way. Just as the multitude was figured out of the Roman empire, there is another number figured out of the anti-Christian empire, 12,000 out of every tribe out of all parts of Christendom, and there stood before the throne not 144,000 but a multitude which no man could number.

The means used to chastise the empire was the barbarian nations on the north and east. These things are pre-figured to John. On the Western empire were to come four great desolations, and on the Eastern two, indicated by the trumpets.

DESTROYED THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE.

The downfall of the Christian-Roman Empire was indicated in a similar way to that of the heathen Roman Empire by the darkening of the sun and the moon. Then there is a little pause which has in it something portentous.

LAST GENERATION OF EVIL DOERS whose woes are accumulated by the evils of their predecessors. The empire was routed out; all its wealth, learning and refinement were destroyed; and the finest part of the world were devastated by these barbarians.

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WHAT WE CALL RITUALISM, and these things are preached in a Christian world under a Christian name.

In succeeding chapters are explanatory statements which he would not take up now, but would go on with the direct thread. One thread is in the 10th chapter, where it says, "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished."

ARE SEVEN MOUNTAINS upon which the woman sitteth. They would not have been certain at this time but that Constantinople was meant except for the seven hills.

WILL TURN AGAINST THE APOSTATE CHURCH, as they have been doing lately; then they will all fall at Christ's kingdom. The little horn of Daniel was also the Apostate Church.

MAKE ROOM FOR THE PAPACY. And this was to continue until the end of 1,260 years, or up to 1774.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN POWER WOULD BE DESTROYED in Europe. This was a little premature, yet it was right. In the end seven vials of God's wrath are to be poured forth and it is probable that five of these have been poured out already, and that the

remainder will not last more than half a century. There will come the dust of the summer threshing floor—a general democracy with communism and anarchy, then the kingdom of Christ which will put an end to the anarchy.

OTHER WORLDS AND SUNS.

THE FOURTH LECTURE OF PROF. RICHARD A. PROCTOR'S COURSE.

NO TERRORS IN THE APPROACHING PERIHELIA—LIFE AND DEATH AMONG THE PLANETS—ORBS SUCCEEDING ORBS AS RACES SUCCEED RACES.

Prof. Richard A. Proctor's fourth and closing lecture of his course in Chickerling Hall, N. York, was on "Other Worlds and other Suns."

Another question asked was whether Jupiter and Saturn give out light of their own in addition to the sunlight that they reflect. Prof. Proctor said that Prof. Bond of Cambridge concluded from his observations that a large portion of the light of Jupiter is inherent and not reflected.

The lecturer then passed to the consideration of other suns besides ours. The stars are really suns has been proved in several ways. One proof has been obtained by the study of the motions and distances of double stars.

The spectra of new stars are peculiar. A number of new stars have appeared in the history of astronomy. In 1866 a new star blazed out suddenly in the constellation of the Northern Crown.

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supplying them with light and heat. The magnitude of Saturn's vast rings, viewed from a point so close as these moons are, must be almost beyond the power of expression.

Several splendid pictures of lunar landscapes were next thrown on the screen to illustrate certain changes that have taken place in the moon. One of these pictures represented the crater Aristarchus, whose steep walls possess such a wonderful reflective quality that the crater can be seen on the dark side of the moon by means of the light that the earth reflects upon the moon.

A similar explanation was given of the appearance of a new crater near the centre of the moon's disk close by the well-known crater Hyginus, two or three years ago.

A beautiful view of the lunar spot Plato, a great, dark, oval plain, ringed with jagged mountains, was next shown. Old astronomers called Plato the Great Black Lake. On its level surface some observers have detected changes of color which they ascribed to a kind of vegetation that runs its course of growth in a lunar day, that is about twenty-nine days.

The telescope shows in the moon long rills, as they are called, which have been compared to roadways. They connect certain of the craters together, as if the craters were cities, and the rills great causeways from one to another.

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