

# CHRISTIAN BANNER.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."  
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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## SEED TIME.

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"Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap."

"He that sows to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Few persons seem to bear in mind that they are reaping every day what they have sown some days, months, or years before, even in their temporal enjoyments or sorrows. Still more plain it is to those who believe the words of the Great Teacher sent from God, that men will hereafter reap in the long, long harvest, what they have scattered in the seed time of their existence. Others also will reap, in some sense, the seeds which we are sowing, just as we are now reaping the seeds sown by our ancestors and predecessors. These facts suggest to us the necessity of great attention to our conduct. Ourselves here and hereafter, our children and our children's children, with their cotemporaries, may, and in many instances will, most assuredly reap what we are this day sowing. As we then regard our present and future happiness; that of our descendants, and that of all connected with them, we are admonished to take heed what we daily sow.

"*To sow to the flesh,*" is to labor for fleshy or animal pleasures; or taken in its worst sense, it is to labor for the gratification of our evil propensities, our corrupt passions and affections. Such shall reap corruption. Remorse and its handmaid, Shame, must introduce them to the whole family of moral and physical agonies which terminate in the utter corruption of every sensual appetite and gratification. They reap rottenness and death, because they sowed the seeds thereof.

"*To sow to the Spirit,*" is to devote our energies to the teachings of the Holy Spirit; to attend to the mental, more sublime, and heavenly objects of spiritual enjoyment, which are the objects of christian faith and hope; and to aim at the extension of these enjoyments by the introduction of others to a participation in them.