

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO G. L. SCOTT.

Mr. EDITOR : DEAR SIR :—

I hope it will not be thought that I presume too much upon your liberality in replying to the remarks upon the short article from my pen, which appeared in the June Number of *the Banner*. They are so indirectly aimed that it is difficult to reply to them without losing sight of the position originally assailed. Indeed no attempt has been made to meet any of my arguments, but rather an endeavour to withdraw attention from the array of facts presented by combating an opinion not advanced, and attacking a position but casually introduced.

While contending that the gospel preached by the apostles after the resurrection was the same as that preached previously by Jews, I do not say that the great facts of his death, burial, and resurrection were preached before he poured out his soul unto death. Although inseparably connected with it, these, taken as mere isolated facts, are not the gospel and are never so called. The approach of the Kingdom of God, in which Jesus will occupy the throne of David, and with his saints then glorious, honourable, and immortal, reign over all people, nations, and languages, thus blessing all the families of the earth, according to the promise made to the fathers, is the gospel he preached and commanded his apostles to preach to the world. To the introduction of that glorious age, all things have been made subservient. It was to prepare the way for it that Jesus died and was buried. It was that he might sit upon its throne that God raised him from the dead, and it is to take out of them a people for his name, who will be ready to enter upon its glory and dominion, when the time comes for the saints to possess the Kingdom, that the things concerning it are now preached to the Gentiles, and repentance and remission of sins offered to the believer in the name of Jesus.

I am rather at a loss to perceive the force of the arguments founded on the facts that the church was not built during the sojourn of the Saviour on earth, and that the apostles were witnesses to the world of his resurrection. I do not mention the church one way or other and therefore could not say it was built nearly four thousand years ago. The fact that God has fulfilled a promise made to David, and intimately connected with the blessing promised in the gospel is no proof that they had a new gospel to preach.

The popular mind being unenlightened by the teaching of God's