

the frost. And I will punish him, and his seed, and his servants, for their iniquity ; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them ; but they hearkened not." Pride and unbelief shut out from all blessing, and leave their victims exposed to the wrath of God. "Thus saith the Lord ; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (see Jer. xvii. 5-8). The only place of blessing is that Josiah took. There the Lord ceases to have a controversy. He knows the claims of His own truth. He will not relinquish them. "He has magnified His word above all His name." Saul sought to uphold his own integrity when the word of God was against him. His heart bowed not before the truth : the Lord cast him off. It is a vain thing to strive with God. May the Lord guard His children in this day of evil ! Give us tenderness of heart to "*all*" His truth, so that we may hold our proper place of testimony for Him.



A WORD FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN THE LORD'S SERVICE.

A few years ago I had the privilege of being present at an interview between an evangelist and a venerable servant of the Lord. Having before me all the fellow-labourers in the vast harvest field who may read these lines, I will relate the last words that passed on this occasion so full of interest.

Before taking leave of the old servant of God, and after having expressed the pleasure that it had been to him to make his acquaintance, the evangelist made a request somewhat in these words : "We have just met for the first