

The Gospel is the world—this is compared to the sea. There are a great variety of fish. Some bad and some good. Some small and some large. Some good for food and others good—shall I say—for nothing. Occasionally a shark or a sword fish, or some other *desperado* may be caught, but it cannot be avoided. In the kingdom there are “good and bad.” The separating time is coming, and all will be assorted according to their characters: the good to be put in vessels—the bad to be cast away.

JAMES CHALLEN.

### OF CHRIST.

A man may go to heaven without wealth, without honour, without learning, and without friends; but he cannot go to heaven without Christ.

Christ is better with his cross than the world with its crown.

The suffering of Christ's soul were the soul of his sufferings.

What the law commanded Christ did; what the law demanded Christ gave; and what the law threatened Christ endured.

Christ thinks no man too bad to receive, if he does not think himself too good to come.

Christ died for the chief of sinners. A dying Christ for a denying Peter! A crucified Christ for a crucified thief!

You should keep steadily looking to Christ, until the burden falls off your back.

Christ is the righteousness of sinners with God, and the righteousness of God with sinners.

Carry your good things to Christ, and he will keep them; carry your bad things to Christ, and he will cure them.

Judge not of Christ by providences, but by promises.

If you love Christ with a perfect love, you will hate sin with a perfect hatred.

Love is the law of Christ's kingdom, the lesson of his school, and the livery of his household.

The reason why Christ is more precious to a believer to-day than he was yesterday is, because he sees more and more the need of Him.

A believer's comfort in living is to live to Christ; and his comfort in dying is that he shall go to Christ.

You may yourself ebb and flow, wax and wane, rise and fall: but your Lord is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

The old man will never die whilst we live.

It is folly that will not lead us to Christ, and it is all true wisdom that does.

Do not be afraid to part with anything for Christ; it is unbelief that persuades you there is more pleasure, satisfaction; and happiness, in anything than in Him.

The enjoyment of Christ is really paradise.

He who receives a good turn, should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

### I LONG TO BE THERE.

BY REV. E. H. NEVIN.

I have read of a world of beauty,  
Where there is no gloomy night;  
Where love is the main-spring of duty,  
And God the fountain of light;  
And I long to be there!

I have read of its flowing river,  
That bursts from beneath the throne,  
And the beautiful trees that ever  
Are found on its banks alone;  
And I long to be there!

I have read of the myriad choir  
Of the angels harping there;  
Of their holy love that burns like fire,  
And the shining robes they wear;  
And I long to be there!

I have read of the sanctified throng  
That passed from earth to heaven,  
And now unite in the loudest song  
Of praise for their sins forgiven;  
And I long to be there!

I have read of their freedom from sin,  
And suffering and sorrow too;  
And the holy joy they feel within  
As their risen Lord they view;  
And I long to be there!

I long to rise to that world of light,  
And to breathe its balmy air;  
I long to walk with the Lamb in white,  
And to shout with the angels there;  
O, I long to be there!

—Gospel Messenger.

THE EVERLASTING FATHER.—Earthly parents die, and leave their children orphans, to experience the “cold charities” of a selfish world—oftentimes to suffer from neglect and hardheartedness; but our Father in heaven is an “Everlasting Father.” He will neither die nor forsake us. We have in His love an unfailing portion. The riches which He gives us are “endurable.” The heavens and the earth may pass away, and be burned up in the final fires; but that which He bestows upon his adopted children is everlasting, and will form a durable portion when earth and time are no more. What beautiful confidence this relation inspires! When we look up to heaven, we see our Father's face beaming out upon us from the skies—smiling upon us, and claiming us as dear children in Christ; and throughout all the ever-revolving years we know that He will be the same. Happy are they who are able to claim him as their own. They will never want any good thing; for in His faithful love, every treasure of grace and glory will be provided and expended for the enjoyment of his dear children.—*Intelligencer*.

A Scotchman put a crown piece into the plate in an Edinburgh church on a late Sunday morning, by mistake instead of a penny, and asked to have it back, but was refused. In once, in forever. “Aweel, aweel,” grunted he, “I'll get credit for it in heaven.” “Na, na,” said the door-keeper, “ye'll get credit only for the penny ye meant to gi’.”