

Lift thy heavy hand, O despot! Crush the truth, which thou canst not crush; knock from his head the crown,—the crown that is far above thy reach; poor, puny, impotent mortal as thou art! Go on, go on! But all thou doest shall but increase his glories. For aught we care, we bid you still proceed with all your wrath and malice. Though it shall be worse for you, it shall be more glorious for our Master. The greater your preparations for war, the more splendid shall be his triumphal chariot when he shall ride through the streets of heaven in pompous array. The more mighty your preparations for battle, the more rich the spoil he shall divide with the strong. O christian, fear not the foe! Remember, the harder his blows, the sweeter thy song; the greater his wrath, the more splendid thy triumph; the more he rages, the more shall Christ be honoured in the day of his appearing.

SECOND SABBATH.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; then shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91. 9-11.

A little girl having been sent on an errand by her father on the afternoon of a certain day, was returning to the paternal home in the course of the evening; her path lay through a Swedish forest, and as she proceeded she suddenly became aware that she was pursued by a number of wolves, whose glaring eyes and hungry teeth she saw close around her. Seeing no possibility of escape, she knelt and prayed, imploring God to protect her, whilst praying she kept her eyes shut, but, on opening them after her prayer, she found that the wolves had disappeared to satisfy their craving hunger by consuming the body of an old dog in the neighbouring village.

THIRD SABBATH.

Golden Text:—And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear, Isaiah 65. 24.

A young man, the son of a minister in England, residing in South America, went to spend his birthday as a holiday, when the thought came to him, "My mother will be spending this day at home in prayer for me." He returned to his room, and began to pray for himself; finding a speedy answer. The next day he mailed a letter to his mother, saying: "Mother, the great question is settled, and I am a Christian." Shortly after, he received a letter from his mother, saying: "My son, the great ques-

tion is settled, and you are to be a Christian, and a minister of the Gospel." The two letters passed each other in mid ocean. That son is to-day a successful missionary of the cross.

FOURTH SABBATH.

Golden Text:—For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, then also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. I Thessalonians, 4. 14.

And just as the first ripe ears of corn, which grew on the plains and mountain sides of Palestine were immediately brought into the temple, and waved before the Lord, as a pledge that every ear of corn standing on and growing in Palestine should be safely reaped and gathered in; so the resurrection of Christ is a demonstration that we, his people, shall be raised again. If we sleep in Jesus, God will bring us with him; because he lives, we shall live also. Dry up your tears, then. Sometimes you go to the churchyard; sometimes you attend the remains of your relatives to their long homes, you go to "the house appointed for all living," and sometimes you see the bones lying round the graves, and you are tempted to take them up and ask: "Can these bones live? Can these dishonored, dishevelled, denuded bones live?" Can the dead live again? "Come see the place where the Lord lay." As surely as the sepulchre of Christ became an empty sepulchre, so surely the sepulchres of his people shall become empty sepulchres also; as surely as he got up, and sung a jubilee of life and immortality, so surely shall his people come out of the grave. How beautifully has the prophet Isaiah expressed it! "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs; and the earth shall cast out the dead. Thy dead men shall live; together with my dead body shall they arise."

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