

thus realize the blessedness of him who sows beside all waters; he can visit the sick to talk and to pray. All this is plainly within the power even of your ordinary working man, all this even he can do, and much more, which a little ingenuity can invent for his own peculiar situation. O that I could take from every one who names the name of Christ the dead-weight of helplessness and uselessness which hangs about them, and excite in them a holy and laudable sense of their own just importance in the church, and that there is some post for them to occupy, and some work for them to do in the world. Look at a mill or a manufactory. There, there is something to do for the child and for the man alike, and in every machine there is the allotted function for the least pin as well as for the mighty fly-wheel which regulates and controls all its motions.

There are none useless—none superfluous. This is alike encouraging and stimulating to the rich and the poor in the Church. Christ has given every one of his subjects a sphere of duty, and Christ expects every man to do his duty. Christ tells us he has a great work to be done on earth. Do something in it is his command. All do something. Where is the man who will have hardihood enough to refuse, and to reply, I will do nothing, for I cannot.

(To be continued.)

MOHAMMEDANISM.

NO. I.

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

And there came out of the smoke beasts upon the earth: and to them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power.

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the altar which is before God. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.—*Rev. ix. 1-19.*

Chap. xvi. 1. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. 12. And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared.

I. CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH MOHAMMEDANISM ORIGINATED.

Mohammedanism originated in Arabia, in the early part of the 7th century. The nation, the country, the age in which it appeared, were all most favourable to its continuance and success.

The country and climate of Arabia afforded every facility to an individual, who by abandoning society and passing weeks and months in seclu-