

... a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; a fearful cloud of error and depravity, the foul effluvia of those, who, for the sake of filthy lucre, labor in the very fire; and "the sun and the air," the ordinances of heaven and earth, "were darkened," perverted, misapplied, "by reason of the smoke of the pit." Then the adversary, seeking whom he might devour, went forth, "to deceive the nations." With him "there came out of the smoke locusts, a nation strong and without number." They were given power, as the serpents of the earth have power; power to distil and to infuse a subtle poison. They were, "like horses prepared unto battle," champing the bit, treading at the curb, pawing the earth; alike regardless of the peril or iniquity of the conflict, they mock at fear and are not affrighted; their faces are as the faces of men; they have human features but are without human feelings; the aspect of wisdom, but being from beneath it, is merely cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; "have hair as the hair of women," appear in modest apparel, with seeming shamefacedness and sobriety, but in reality are haughty, walk with stretched forth necks, walking and mincing as they go. With the countenance of men and the seeming tenderness of women, they have the teeth, the strength, fierceness, and voracity "of lions." "They eat the bread of wickedness, drink the wine of violence, and also lie in wait for a prey."

(To be continued.)

Seed-Time and Harvest.

Cheer thee! faint and weary one,
Weared with the sowing,
On the rugged paths of life,
Tears from eyes o'erflowing,
Deem not one is shot in vain,
Duh not Heaven's gen'le rain
Set earth's blossoms blowing?

Sow in faith, or tears, or seed,
O'er thy pathway flinging;
Then await the rich reward
From these germs upspringing.
Over each God's angel sows,
To the carnation flowers he tends,
Dew and sunshine bringing.

Sow in hope, no dark despair
Mingled with thy sowing;
Sad may be the seed-time here,
Joy awaits the reaping.
He who wept for human wee
Brimms thy tear-drops as they flow
Worthy of the keeping.

But, o'er a l' things, sow in love—
Kind and heart o'erflowing;
Soon, oh! faint and weary one,
Thou shalt reap from sowing.
And, behold each seed-time reaps,
"First the blade, and then the ear,"
In God's harvest growing.

DIED

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