

sin that was ever committed, and be pierced by it, and torn by it: and the alone innocent one—the solitary undefiled and unprofaned man—He was so constitutionally bound up with each rebel against GOD, that the rebellion in all its ramifications, seemed to throw itself into His heart; and convulsing where it could not contaminate, dislocated the soul which it could not defile, and caused the thorough endurance of all the wretchedness and all the anguish which were due to the transgressions of a mighty population! Aye, and it is because I can clearly perceive that in taking human nature, CHRIST fastened me to Himself by one of those sympathetic threads which can never be snapped, that I feel certified that every sin which I ever committed, and every sin which I shall commit, went in upon the Mediator and swelled His sufferings. When He died, my sins, indeed, had not been perpetrated. Yet, forasmuch as they were to be perpetrated in the nature which He had taken to Himself, they came crowding up from the unborn ages; and they ran, like molten lead, along the fibre which even then bound me to the SAVIOUR; and pouring themselves into the sanctuary of His righteous soul, helped to wring from Him the mysterious cry, “mine iniquities”—mine, done in the nature which is constitutionally mine—“mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart faileth me.” (Psalm 40: 12.)

Now it was with a distinct reference to every one, even the poorest and the meanest of our race, that “the WORD was made flesh” and dwelt and died upon this earth. It was not only that GOD cared for the world in the mass, as a province of His empire tenanted by the froward and the wretched. He cared for each single descendant of Adam. We know with an assurance beyond all doubt, that CHRIST JESUS TASTED DEATH FOR EVERY MAN. (Heb. 2: 9; Isa. 53: 6; 2 Cor. 5: 15; 1 John 2: 2; etc.) We are commissioned to tell every human being on earth, “the Son of the Eternal died for thee,—for thee separately,—for thee individually.” We are commanded to preach the Gospel to every man, woman and child of the human race, no matter how poor, sad, obscure, sinful or despairing. Although a mere unit, or almost a cipher in the vast sum of human beings, yet still none the less, “JEHOVAH JESUS TASTED DEATH FOR THEE.” “Come unto Him, and He will give thee rest.” (Heb. 2: 9; Matt. 11: 28.)

[Read and study well, and learn by heart this precious and almost superhuman lesson

from the Rev. Henry Melville, B. D., of London. An able and scholarly critic, the late George R. Young, M.P.P., says of him:—“In the Pulpit I heard Benson, Melville, Boone, Baptist Noel, the Bishop of London, Dr. Chalmers, and Dr. Gordon; but of the English Church, Melville is superior to them all, and is in my mind the beau ideal of a Christian orator.”—*Lecture XI., “On Literature, Science and Education.”*]

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

FEARFUL EARTHQUAKES have occurred in Greece, Egypt, Italy, and the United States of America, August 28, and later. Greece has suffered most in loss of life and ruin of cities; but on August 31, another terrible shock overthrew Charleston, a city of 50,000 inhabitants, in South Carolina, and other shocks followed, causing the ruin of about ten millions of property in Charleston, besides about fifty lives lost and many more wounded. These “great earthquakes in diverse places,” simultaneously, are significant, so soon after the fearful volcanic earthquake in New Zealand some months ago. Vesuvius is again in wild eruption. The most terrible shocks occurred at night; near 10 P. M. at Charleston; and about midnight in Greece, where the village of Pyrgos and the town of Phillatra, on the western coast of the Morea, were the chief sufferers, and furnish, it is believed, 300 that have perished. In Pyrgos not a home is left standing, while Phillatra is swept away or swallowed up in chasms caused by the earthquakes. The shocks were experienced throughout all Greece in a greater or less degree. In the town of Zante, on the island of Zacynthus, every house was damaged, and the inhabitants fled in terror to the open country. Advices from Zante say excessive heat, dead calms and unusually high tides forewarned the inhabitants. The earthquake centre appears to be in the sea at a point thirty miles south of Zante. The earthquake is said to be of volcanic origin. Geologists now surmise that both the core and the crust of the earth are solid, but that between these a soft and steamy layer exists, and causes vibrations and upheavals when some part of the crust settles down suddenly by secular changes. It is supposed variously that the Atlantic bed has settled, or else the Appalachian or Alleghany mountains, causing the shock in America. Still, it is not the less from Divine Providence; for not a sparrow falls without our Father's permission,