

Saunders and these pair things." Before he had done speaking, a mist rose up about the hill, and wrapped the devoted little band about like the very cloak of the Lord he had prayed for. In vain their enemies sought to find them; and, while they were wearying themselves in the effort, an order came which sent them on an errand in a different direction.

#### THIRD SABBATH.

*Golden Text:* But God is the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another. Psalms 75, 7.

Many years ago, Judge B. resided in New Jersey. His family was considered the most aristocratic in the town, and, not unfrequently, some of its members would give their acquaintances to understand that this was their opinion also. On a certain occasion, a fishing party was made up among the ladies. Mrs. Judge B. was among the number. While fishing the subject of losing property was discussed. Mrs. B. paused a little, and slipped a splendid gold ring from her finger, and dropped it into the lake, remarking as she did so, that it was "as impossible for them to become poor as it was for her to recover that ring." The party returned to their homes, and Mrs. B. gave her fish to the servants. Not long after the cook came into the sitting room, and showed to Mrs. B. a gold ring, which she had taken from one of the fish. The ring dropped into the lake was recovered. Mrs. B., who was so confident she could never become poor, died a pauper in Elizabethtown, N. J.; and her husband, the judge, died a pauper also, in an adjoining town.

#### FOURTH SABBATH.

He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Proverbs 21, 1.

A christian man once occupied a desk in the same counting room, on the wharf, with a man much older than himself, and who was a coarse, profane atheist; quite disposed to make others like himself. One night, as they were about shutting up, he took our informant by the jacket, and said flippantly that he was surprised "such a clever fellow as he should believe in religion," using some very blasphemous expression. To a request that he would abstain from such language, he repeated some of his profane slang, and to a remark, that, "if such notions might do to live by they would not do to die by," he said, "I'll venture it!" "I think you would have some fears if it should be said to you, 'Thou fool! this night thy soul shall be required of thee,'" said the friend. "I am ready," said the scoffer, pointing and looking upward. They parted. The profane

man turned the corner of the street one way, and his friend went in the opposite direction. Within one minute after they separated, the former fell dead upon the sidewalk.

THE Free Church of Scotland has now occupied Constantinople as a mission station to the Jews for twenty-seven years, and next to Pesth, it is the most important of the fields in which it has laboured for the lost of Israel. The large number of conversions and the high character of the converts, especially within the last three years, have been very marked. There has been a work of the spirit with power, and an evident blessing on the mission. The Rev. Mr. Tomory has lately met with even unexpected success in the promptitude with which his appeals in Scotland were responded to, for a fund of twenty thousand dollars to enlarge the mission premises. He has every encouragement for believing that a further sum of ten thousand dollars will be readily supplied for placing this mission fully in position to meet the demands of the work. The extensive suburb Hasskeny is almost wholly populated by Spanish Jews.

A late number of the *Nonconformist* takes a general survey of the objects, resources, and work of the religious and philanthropic societies of England, the impression of which is especially cheering. The gross receipts of these societies are not less than six million dollars a year, of which the greater portion is absorbed by foreign mission societies.

#### The Constantinople Bible House.

Prof. Fisk, of the Chicago Congregational Seminary, writes from Constantinople, where he has been on a visit, that "the completion of the new Bible House, under the energetic direction of Dr. J. G. Bliss and Rev. I. F. Pettibone, has caused much thanksgiving and congratulation. Its erection at a cost of \$65,000, and with no debt on it, is largely due to the persistent efforts of Dr. Bliss, and under its wise Board of Trustees it must become a valuable auxiliary to missions throughout Turkey. It is conspicuously situated on one of the best streets in the heart of the city, is 20 feet by 70, four stories high, most substantially built, chiefly of the white Dardanelles stone, and is intended to be fire-proof. Its interior arrangements are admirable, and will furnish rooms for the use of the American and British and Foreign Bible Societies, the editor of the missionary papers of the American Board, be-