

THE CHRISTIAN'S TREASURY.

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HAVE a never-failing Bank,
A more than golden store;
No earthly bank is half so rich;
How can I then be poor?
'Tis when my stock is spent and gone,
And I without a groat,
I'm glad to hasten to my Bank
And beg a little note.

Sometimes my Banker, smiling, says,
"Why don't you oftener come?
And when you draw a little note,
Why not a larger sum?
Why live so niggardly and poor?
Your Bank containeth plenty:
Why come and ask a one-pound note
When you might well have twenty?"

Yea twenty thousand, ten times told,
Is but a little sum
To what your Father has laid up
Secure in Christ His Son.
Then, since His wealth is vast and free,
On His own terms I'll borrow;
I'll ask grace, virtue, truth, to-day,
More faith, love, works, to-morrow.

I've asked a thousand times before,
And never was rejected;
Sometimes my Banker gives me more
Than asked for or expected.
Sometimes I've felt a foolish pride
In self, as very clever;
But ah! before that day was gone,
I was as poor as ever!

Sometimes, with blushes on my face,
Just at the door I stand;
I knew, if Moses kept me back,
I surely must be damned!
Yet God's own Bank can never break,
Whatever may befall:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Are One, the Lord of All.

Should all the Banks in Britain break,—
Though England's Bank were smashed,—
Bring in God's promissory notes,
You'll surely have them cashed.
And if you have but one small note,
Fear not to bring it in.
Come boldly to His Throne of Grace,
The Banker is within.

All forged notes will be refused,
Man's merits are rejected;
For not a single note will pass
But God's own Word accepted.
For none but those who yield to Christ
As Prophet, Priest and King,
Give up their wills, and follow His,
Can get His notes, to bring.

Though thousand ransomed souls may say
They have no notes at all,
Because they feel the plague of sin
And ruin by the fall,
This Bank is full of precious notes,
All signed and sealed and free,
Though many doubting souls may say,
"There is not one for me."

Base unbelief will lead the child
To think what is not true;
Yet, hate your sins and follow Christ,—
Those notes are free to you!
The leper had a little note,
"Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst;"
The Banker cashed it speedily
And healed the sickly man.

We read of one young man, indeed,
Whose riches did abound;
But in the Banker's book of Grace
His name could not be found,
But see the wretched dying thief
Hang by the Banker's side:
He cried, "Dear Lord, remember me!"
He got the gift, and died.

GOSPEL STUDIES.

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- (47.) THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:
Mark 16: 1-8. (See Matt 28: 1-8;
Luke 24: 1-9; John 19: 1-10).

THE body of our Lord rested in the tomb for about thirty-six hours, from the afternoon of Friday until the morning of the first day of the week; when the women came early unto the sepulchre with sweet spices to anoint Him. To their surprise and disappointment, they found the stone had been rolled away, and the body gone. In St. Matt. 28: 2, it is stated that the Angel of the Lord rolled back the stone from the door of the sepulchre and sat upon it, and told the women that Christ had risen from the dead, as He had said. (See Matt. 12: 40; 16: 21; 17: 23; 20: 19; and corresponding texts in the other Gospels.)

When we consider that Jesus so often told His disciples that on the third day He would rise again from the dead, it is surprising that they were not looking and watching for the fulfilment of His words, but when they were told that He had actually risen, they could not and did not believe it. So strong was the unbelief of the disciples, and especially of Thomas. (See John 20: 24-29.)

When the women found not the body of the Lord, they were amazed, and fled from the sepulchre. We are told that Mary Magdalene, however, remained weeping, and was the first to see the risen Saviour. Afterwards the other women and Peter beheld Him.

After our Lord had completed the work of redemption by His death, He rose victorious from the grave, and, to those who believe in Him and become members of His body, He is indeed "The Prince of Life." What would have ever been the Christian's hope after death, if Jesus had not risen from the dead? "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and