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"ONE IS YOUR MASTER, *even* CHRIST: AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN."

The Topic for the Month.

THE ORONO DEBATE.

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QUESTION.—Is it in accordance with reason and scripture that man should incur endless misery by the violation of the moral law, and that the infliction of the penalty (upon the transgressor,) should be inevitable unless he here repents and believes?

The accordance of Scripture is so full, clear, and perfectly explicit, as to render our labor under this head exceedingly light and easy. We have only to produce a small number of the immense array of passages which exist—lay them down openly, without note or comment, and leave them in all their native unbroken strength, to lie before us as massive rocks, on which the opposition may break and wound itself, by falling upon them; while we conduct a formal and systematic examination of the *ground, work* of Universalism, laying bare the HIDING PLACES of its boasted strength, that all may discover them to be but refuges of lies, that the deceived may fly from them, in horror, and from the "wrath to come," and through grace be led to lay hold upon ETERNAL LIFE. The few passages of the immense array, to which reference has been made, are as follows:

The penalty of sin is the first and the second death.

Gen. 2: 17. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Ezk. 18: 4. The soul that sinneth, it shall die.—33: 11. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Rom. 6: 23. The wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Jam. 1: 15. Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Rev. 21: 8. The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The hopes of some perish at death.

Job 27: 8. What is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? 9. Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

Job 8; 13. The hypocrite's hope shall perish.—11: 20. The eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

Pr. 10: 28. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.—11: 7. When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish; and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

The endless misery of those whose hopes perish at death.

Mat. 25: 41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:—46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mk. 9: 43. If thy hand offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.—14: 31. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. [Mat. 26: 24.]

Lk. 3: 17. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.