

A Dream of Ann Preston.

One night last winter after the departure of my beloved father John Burns, sister Ann dreamed that she saw him coming towards her, and she thought there was another person with her. She seemed rather afraid at first sight of him for he seemed kind of black to her. She said to the person who, she thought, was with her, "Oh, here is Mr. Burns coming, and he is dead." As he drew near to her, her fears dispersed; then understood him to speak these words, "The Lord sent me with a message to tell you to go on, and listen to no one;" and with an earnestness not to be forgotten, he said again, "and don't listen to the children." He then went away from her, as if to catch some fresh command, and in a moment he returned, and said, "I did not talk of God before, and now I have to;" and then she asked him, "Why, does the Lord forget none of the works of the past?" He, I thought, raised up his hand as it were, and presented the front of it to me, and said these memorable words, "How can He, seeing it is all written before Him." He then punched my hand, so that I could feel it. I said, "Why did you do that?" "Why," he replied, "For fear you would forget it." He further said, "Go and tell Mrs. Carman that it is all before the Lord;" referring to her children, and her unbelief in the writings of the winter of 1877, when my beloved father carried all his trials to her for sympathy. She was a good sister to him, and pitied him above all others in the trials he endured for this work of writing. It is no wonder that he was the messenger whom God employed to undo the evil that she and he had done to God's work; and to-day could he speak to the universe of unbelievers, he would cry to them in thunder tones: "Ho, ye dispisers, and wonder what God has done!"

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We all come into the world with an evil nature and a taint of corruption inherited from Adam through our parents, and as the scripture says, "They go astray as soon as they be borne,