

GOD'S PATIENCE.

There is no more wondrous subject than the patience of God. Think of the lapse of ages during which that patience has lasted—six thousand years! Think of the multitudes who have been the subjects of it—millions on millions, in successive climes and centuries! Think of the sins which have all that time been trying and wearying that patience—their number, their heinousness, their aggravation. The world's history of iniquity—a lengthened provocation of the Almighty's forbearance. The church, like a feeble ark, tossed on a mighty ocean of unbelief; and yet the world, with its cumberers, *still spared!* The cry of its sinful millions at this moment entering “the cars of the God of sabaoth,” and yet, for all this, His hand of mercy is stretched out still!

And who is this God of patience? It is the Almighty who could strike these millions down in a moment; who could, by a breath, annihilate the world; nay, who would require no positive or visible forthputting of His omnipotence to effect this, but simply to withdraw His sustaining arm!

Surely, of all the examples of the Almighty's power, there is none more wondrous or amazing than “God's power over Himself.” He is “slow to anger.” God bears for fifteen hundred years, from Moses and Joshua, with Israel's unbelief; and yet, as a pious writer remarks, “He speaks of it as but a day.” “All day long have I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and gainsaying people.” What is the history of all this tenderness? “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.”

BAPTISTS.—It is somewhat remarkable (says the *English Church Morning Herald*) that the three Dissenting preachers who attract the largest audiences on Sundays in the three greatest towns in the kingdom are Baptists, namely, Mr. C. H. Spurgeon, in London; Mr. Arthur Mursell, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester; and Mr. Hugh Stowell Brown, at the Lord Nelson-street Concert Hall, Liverpool.

Henry Ward Beecher has given notice of his intention to apply to the Trustees of the Church for the immediate construction of a baptistry in the building, after the manner of the Baptist denomination, in order to accommodate those who evince a preference for baptism by immersion upon joining the church.