

with God's help they would henceforth be true Christians. A good elder of the Church was with them there, and with him they knelt and gave themselves to the Lord. That large stone was a silent witness of the solemn promises made by the boys, and the spot seemed sacred, for God was truly there, winning those young hearts to Himself through His spirit. No wonder that the Sabbath school teacher, who knew all these circumstances, should wish to make that stone a sort of monument of the grace of God.

And what became of those boys? One of them, after leaving the boarding school where they both were, near Idlewild, was employed for a time as clerk in New York city, and so gained the confidence of his employer that they advanced him rapidly to higher positions. Then he went to Chicago and became a successful business man. He was always faithful to the vows he had made near that old stone. Every one loved and trusted him. He was honest, truthful and pure, until the day of his death, which took place some eighteen years ago.

The other boy had thought of becoming a civil engineer, and was almost ready to begin work in that profession. But one day, the assistant teacher, who was soon to go to Africa as a missionary, came into his room and began to talk about foreign missions. 'You remember,' he said, 'what Jesus has told us: *'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.'* Will you be one of the laborers?'

It was not long before the lad began to prepare for college. Then after finishing his studies there, he entered a Theological Seminary and afterward went as a missionary to a foreign land. Nearly eighteen years he has laboured there, and God has helped him to plant evangelical churches and Sabbath schools among a people that never had them before. Many have come to love the Saviour through his labors. He is a happy man to-day, and no spot on earth is dearer to him than that by the old stone where he gave his heart to God in early life.

Boys, some of you will be needed before long as foreign missionaries. Years hence, as now, it will be true. *'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.'*

"Unprayed for" says a minister, "I feel very much like a diver sent down to the bottom of the sea without air to breathe; or as a fireman, sent up to a blazing building with an empty hose."

## THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Suppose you go to see a grand house. The more you walk round it, inside and out, the better you will understand and admire it. But as you look first at one side and then at another you will get different views of it, and yet it is always one and the same house. So it is that we get different views of the Lord Jesus, and yet He is always "this same Jesus."

Now, though we are right and glad to think of Jesus as king, reigning gloriously already, yet we like to remember that another of His names is Prince, — Messiah the Prince, as he was called by Gabriel. This shows another side of what He is.

For a prince is a king's son, and Jesus is the son of God, who is the king of all the earth.

A prince is heir to a kingdom, and so Jesus is Heir to all things, and the time is coming when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ. How different the newspapers will be then, if there are any!

But the prince has royal honor now, and so it is God's will that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.

A prince has other names joined to his title; and so has Jesus; and all His names show how He is the "Prince of princes" far, far beyond all others.

First, He is the Prince of Peace. What music there is in this beautiful name! Does it not sound as if an echo of the angels' song had been caught and kept in it, waking up again in our hearts whenever we think of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, who made peace in heaven and came to give peace on earth.

Then He is the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead. For God has given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as God has given Him, and that, you know, is all who come to him.

Then He is exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, so that he may give repentance and forgiveness of sins.

And, last, He is Prince of the kings of earth; and this gives us a glimpse of His greatness and glory, which we do not fully see yet. But if we rejoice already in this bright and royal name of Jesus, when His glory shall be revealed we shall be glad with exceeding joy. — *Morning Star.*