

solemn thoughtfulness on the centre of that iron cross which is imbedded in the road, to mark the spot whence the fiery chariot removed the souls of the faithful men from earth to heaven. This city too, was the cradle of Methodism, for Wesley, the parent of the "Holy Club," as also Whitfield, studied here. From the University Press go forth millions of Bibles in many languages, seeming to be enough to flood the world with the Word of God. With such memories, surroundings and facilities, if professors and students be animated by the Spirit of the Master, the Mansfield College is destined to become a centre of Congregational influence in Britain and her dependencies.

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A MANUAL OF DOCTRINE AND CHURCH POLITY.

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XXVIII. THE PROMISES.

1. The promises were given to cheer mankind, and to testify to God's truth in their fulfilment.

2. The first promise was to Eve, that her seed should bruise the Serpent's head: meaning that Christ should overcome Satan.

3. God promised Abraham that his children should have the land of Canaan; and it cheered them for hundreds of years, till they obtained it.

4. God promised to Jacob, Moses, David and many of the prophets, that Christ should come. These holy men all believed it.

5. God has always promised to save those that love Him and trust in His mercy.

6. Christ has promised us that those who come unto Him, He will in nowise cast out; and that they shall find rest to their souls.

7. God has promised to His Son, that He shall rule over all the earth, and that all nations shall serve Him.

8. Christ has promised to come again in power and glory.

9. God's children have always been strengthened by seeing so many promises fulfilled.

10. The promises yet to be fulfilled are as certain as those of past days.

11. The principal promises yet to be fulfilled are: Christ shall reign over all the earth; the

Israelites shall be restored to their own land; Anti-Christ shall be destroyed; Christ shall come again; all the dead shall rise; the world shall be judged.

XXIX. THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT.

1. Christ did equally for all men, of every nation age and condition. Nothing is clearer in the scriptures than this doctrine.

2. Since Christ did for all men, it most naturally follows that His Spirit strives with all men; to lead them to faith, to obedience, to lowliness. And the more a man yields to the Spirit, the faster and farther the Spirit will lead him.

3. The effectual call of the Spirit is the call that is *obeyed*; and through being obeyed becomes effective. But other calls, of even greater intensity and earnestness, may have been disobeyed. Every call of the Spirit has salvation in it.

5. The great work of the Spirit is regenerating the sinner and teaching and sanctifying the believer. The Spirit is alone the Author of the new birth: the conditions, on our part, being faith, submission, obedience.

4. The Spirit may be resisted, Though omnipotent, He does not exert His omnipotence in forcing the human will; for in that case our responsibility would cease. Every Christian converted in mature years is conscious of having formerly resisted the Spirit.

XXX. FREE GRACE.

1. All grace is a free gift. Man had no claim to it whatever. But God has bound himself by many great and immutable promises to forgive and bless the believer for Christ's sake. Therefore the believer can claim His grace on the ground of His promise.

2. Christ's atonement, wrought out by His obedience and sufferings, was for all men. It becomes by acceptance, redemption and salvation. Its rejection adds immeasurably to the guilt of the lost.

3. All infants dying in infancy, and others incapable of either faith or unbelief, are saved by the mercy of God in Christ; and some in all ages and nations, who, not having the knowledge contained in the scriptures, yet love God in their hearts, and follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them; Christ having died for every one of them.