

recognizable figure in his overalls and with paint smears on hands and arms and other marks of the rough, dirty work which falls to the lot of the working man at a London dock side. Mr. Roberts has had a career of much variety. He has worked in the Lachlan back blocks of Australia and tramped through the States, and over the Selkirk range through British Columbia to the sea, working as a laborer on the Canadian Pacific Railway in the famous Kicking Horse Pass.

Noticing in the *Colonist* of the 17th inst., some particularly heterodox statements, I desire to say a few words in reply. On the subject, "Is the Soul Immortal?" the speaker (not named) stated "without fear of contradiction that the phrases so often used by teachers of religion *never dying soul* and *immortal soul* are forms of speech not met with in the Bible from Genesis to Exodus." And the conclusion he appears to come to is that Immortality is conferred alone as the reward of a good life of "every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life."

Without trying to pick out in the Bible the two expressions particularly made use of by the speaker, nor like him trying to carp at the expression *soul*, as quoted by him in numerous texts, I will merely say that the word soul is indifferently used in Scripture for individual or person, spirit or mind. But it is the immortality of the soul of the man, in fact we have to deal with. How do the following texts, quoted at random, support the affirmative view: Job xix., 25 and 27 v., "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He will stand at the latter day upon the earth, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another."

Rev. xx., 11, 12 and 15 v., "And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, . . . and the dead judged according to their works;" "Whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." This at least was not an immortality of happiness.

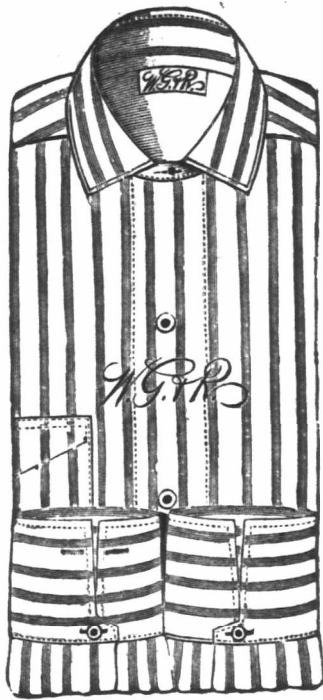
Eccles. xii., 7 v., "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it," to be destroyed?

1 Thess., iv., 16 v., "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel * * * and the dead in Christ will rise first (the italics are mine) not alone but first."

2 Thess., 1 v., "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God;" who must therefore be immortal to receive the vengeance.

1 Cor., vi., 2 v., "Do ye not know that the saints will judge the world," are the good alone judged and the wicked not even appear?

Rom., xiv., 10 v., "We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," not women only, not good men only, but *all*. One more quotation and I have done, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." This surely means good, bad and indifferent alike.



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Though the Old Testament is certainly very reticent about life hereafter, yet "life and immortality are brought to life by Jesus Christ," and to deny or specially explain the immortality of the soul is, I pronounce, a dangerous doctrine, thoroughly heterodox and that notwithstanding a high sounding name.

The mysterious movements of my esteemed friend Mr. Oscar C. Bass, reached a climax last Thursday night, when he conferred upon Miss Georgina Coleman, the name of wife. Mr. Bass has many friends not only in newspaper circles in this city, but in the east as well, and

every one of them will join with THE HOME JOURNAL in wishing the young couple much happiness and prosperity.

The Irishmen of Victoria, I am pleased to learn, will observe St. Patrick's Day in a manner fitting the memory of their patron saint. What form the celebration will take has not yet been definitely settled upon, but it is quite likely a concert or banquet, or perhaps both features, will mark the occasion. A concert, exclusively composed of Irish numbers, would be an interesting event, and no doubt attract a large audience.

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