

Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.—John vi 37.

“Our Father.”

FROM THE WRITINGS OF MRS. CHARLES.

GOD never meant his children to creep through the world with a rope round their necks, as if they were never sure of not being condemned at last. No father with a heart in him would treat the worst child who wanted to become better in such a way; much less the Lord.

The father in the Bible (Luke xv. 20) didn't sit in the house waiting for the son to come back, and making up faces and speeches to make him feel what a fool he had been; his only fear was that the poor foolish lad would be too ashamed to come.

He was watching all the while from the door, and the moment he saw him he ran to meet him, that they might come back together, that every soul in the house might see the poor fellow was welcome.

He stopped the poor speech the lad had made up in the foreign parts, with kisses, so that he never got through it, and fondled him as if he'd been his mother more than his father, and set all the men and maidens to work, and then set them to feasting, and dancing, and merry-making, as if it had been a wedding or a christening, instead of a poor lad creeping back home for a bit of bread, with scarce a rag on his back, or a shoe to his feet.

He wasn't afraid the poor boy would make himself too much at home. He couldn't do enough like to make him feel he *was* at home; and our Lord says that's how the Almighty feels when one of us comes back to Him. And *He knows* the inside of the Father's house, which is more than any of us do, yet awhile.

It is Finished.

THESSE were the last words of our blessed Lord and Master, when he hung on the cross. It was there our redemption was completed. He bore all our sins away in His own body on the shameful tree, that we through Him might be saved.

Dear reader, are you saved? Have you laid aside your guilt and sins, and accepted Jesus as your only Saviour? Is He your all and all? Have you that inward peace of mind which passeth all understanding? Can you say earnestly that Jesus is mine, and I am His? If so, dear reader, Jesus has said, “I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also.”

If not saved, Jesus invites you to come to Him now. Why not come? To-day is the accepted time; to-day is the day of salvation. To-day, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart. Delays are dangerous. We know not the moment we will be called to appear at the bar of God, to give an account of the deeds done in the body. O come to Jesus now. He will wash away all your sins. He will cleanse you and make you pure. Whosoever will come, may come and drink of the

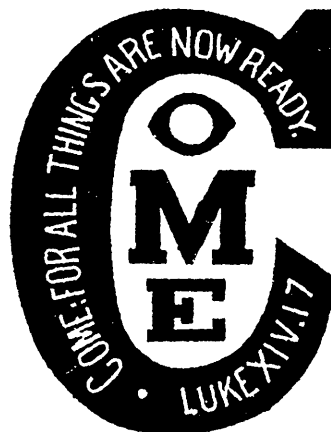
water of life freely. O come! Jesus is waiting to receive you. The angels are waiting to rejoice with you. O, come now. You will never know true happiness until you come to Jesus.

This message as from God receive,
You all may come to Christ and live;
O let His love your heart constrain,
Nor suffer Him to die in vain.

[The foregoing article was prepared by an old colored woman, an attendant at the Mission Union Hall.—Ed.]

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET. No. 3.

COME now, and let us reason together.—Isa. i. 18.
COME ye, without money and without price.—Isa. lv. 1.
COME unto Me all ye that labour.—Mat. xi. 28.



COME, thou weary! Jesus calls thee
To His wounded side;
'COME to Me,' saith He, 'and ever
Safe abide.'

Dost thou feel thy life is weary?
Is thy soul distressed?
Take His offer, wait no longer:
Be at rest!

If any man thirst, let him **C**OME.—John vii. 37.
He is able to save all them that **C**OME.—Heb. vii. 25.
Ye will not **C**OME—that ye might have life.—John v. 40.

“RETURN UNTO ME.”