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Lines.

Upon the waters cast thy bread—
Unheeded all of blame or praise—
Full sure, so David's son, he said,
To find it after many days—
Go pour the soothing words of love,
Go tell of brighter words above,
Go cheer the weary pilgrim's soul,
Tell him that his redemption's goal,
The crown of life beyond the sky,
Cry: "Courage braver! onward press!
Dispel each doubt—each gloomy fear—
Press onward through the wilderness—
With blessing food—thy home is near!"

Revivals.

Why are they not permanent?
We love the idea of a revival. The thought of it refreshes our spirit. Life is never so delightful as when its energies flow out in revival efforts. Earth has no joy comparable with that which thrills the spirit and swells the heart when the power of God is present in an assembly, to purify believers and to convert sinners.

The Three Wishes.

I asked a student what three things he most wished. He said: "I care for nothing but health and quiet, and I give me books more." "Money—money—money!" I asked a pauper, and he faintly said, "Bread—bread—bread!" I asked a drunkard, and he loudly called for strong drink. I asked the multitude around me, and they lifted up a confused cry, in which I heard the words, "wealth, fame and pleasure." I asked a poor man, who had long borne the character of an experienced christian: he replied that all his wishes could be met in Christ. He spoke seriously and I asked him to explain. He said, "I greatly desire these three things—first, that I may be found in Christ; secondly, that I may be like Christ; thirdly, that I may be with Christ." I have thought much of his answer; and the more I think of it the wiser it seems to be.

Bring the Holy Book.

O, bring the Holy Book!
Its words are pure as ether of yon sky,
Truths, from their essence, on its pages lie,
And brightly beameth e'er the spirit-eye,
Which loves this holy book.

Mental Science.

THE NATURE OF THE HUMAN MIND.
Others frequently assert, that man, in this life, has a threefold nature, consisting of body, soul, and spirit. The first component of the human mind is the body, which is material and subject to decay. The second is the soul, which is immaterial and immortal. The third is the spirit, which is the divine element within us.

All Washing is not Cleansing.

Among the negro servants of Mr. M.— was one who had received an impression from some travelling preacher that immersion was all that was needful for salvation, and an abiding power! Why does not that water which cleansed the body, purify the soul? It is not enough to be baptized; we must have the heart cleansed by the truth.

Jerusalem!

It is hard to say anything new about Jerusalem. Every Sunday-school scholar knows about it, and about Gebenna and Jehoshaphat, and Gibon, from the depths of whose ravines its noble foundations rise, and from Zion, Moriah, and even Calvary, names more sacred and dear than any on earth. From my childhood up Jerusalem had been the sacred centre of all my dearest and holiest thoughts; I had a thousand times pictured it to my youthful mind, and sat and mused and mused over the picture, till I thought I knew every battlement and watch-tower; but when I first saw it, approaching from Hebron here, I never experienced such a disappointment—for never to me did any city appear so forlorn and wretched. A plain—a wide extended plain—and in its midst a long line of grey wall, with one or two peering minarets, and this was all—no tree—no noble hill—no deep and yawning chasms to relieve the eye and break the dull monotony; and I was sorry that I came, and wanted to return, for the brightest and noblest vision of my whole childhood had been dashed and broken into a thousand pieces.

The Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized by Sprinkling.

It is assumed by the Baptist denomination that nothing but the immersion of the whole body under water by a Baptist Minister, is scriptural baptism. This they declare from their pulpits and their presses. A careful examination into the history of the baptism of the Eunuch by Philip, will show the utter absurdity of such an assumption, and that the weight of evidence is altogether in favour of sprinkling and pouring.

The Captain turned Preacher.

A lady who was actively engaged in circulating the Holy Scriptures and religious tracts, went, on one occasion, to the quay at Plymouth, and requested permission of a captain to go on board a man-of-war, in which were eight hundred men, and many disappointed females. The captain said: "Madam, it will be of no avail; you will only meet with abuse." She answered, "With your leave, I will go."