

THE LIVING WORD

The Park offered for four days... The King of Italy lately visited Naples, nine Protestant ministers asked and were granted an interview. The King seemed surprised when you was presented to him as a Wesleyan Methodist, another as a Presbyterian, the fourth as a Waldense, and so on: "I do not understand," said King Humbert, "how you can all be ministers of the same Gospel, and yet have so many distinctions. Perhaps one of you will be so good as to explain it to me." One of the number promptly replied: "In your Majesty's army there are many regiments wearing different uniforms, and called by different names; nevertheless, they are all under one command-in-chief and follow one flag. In like manner we Protestants are divided into several denominations, but we know only one chief—Jesus Christ—and we follow but one Master, namely, that of the Gospel of our crucified and risen Lord." It is said that the King listened attentively, and, thanking the speaker for his clear explanation, said: "You wish me to understand that while there are differences among you on minor matters, there is unity in all that is essential." The Protestant ministers, thanking the King for his courtesy, then withdrew.

The above is given as a fair sample of the soft sledge used to convince the world that the divisions in the churches only mean union! The King of Italy must be a nonsensical, to be so easily satisfied as the above indicates. If these sectarian preachers had told him "that we preach against each other, and call each other hard names—we call our Baptist brethren 'water dogs' and they call us children of Catholicism—but we all unite to hold a union meeting. If a man comes along to preach the Gospel as found in the Bible we call it 'sheep washing' and say all kinds of ridiculous things about a man who dares to preach the Bible against our creeds." By the time this much truth on the difference were made known to the King, he could discharge them, on reinstating the sinfulness of the divisions.

INFIDEL DEMAGOGUENISM

The following reveals clearly the Demagoguery of modern Infidelity. "Bob" poor fellow, only receives \$500 per evening to lecture against Christianity. His lectures encourage Drunkenness and crime of every description. He is the hero of the Drunkard and debauchee. Poor Bob, better "pass the hat around" for his benefit. "Bob" Ingersoll has been terribly exercised over the fact that it takes about \$15,000,000 annually to sustain the preachers of the United States. It does not trouble him,

how ever that the Pope pays the people \$7,000,000 per year, the amount probably a hundred fold more, and the Pope's throne \$100,000,000. The business of the present era to try to make men better. The Lord's drunkeny the...
What would have been the result if the world had been held together and its friends together, and at many an one, death, in its most honored form, had been the direct result of an attempt at attending it as a crime from the very of its enemies. Though it has been ridiculed and bitterly misrepresented more grossly, exposed and rancorously, and omitted more frequently than any other book; and perhaps, than all other books united, it is so far from sinking under the efforts of its enemies, that the probability of its surviving until the final consummation of all things is much greater than ever. The rain has descended, the floods have come, the storm has again, and boat upon a rock. Like the burning bush, it has been in the flames, yet it is still unconsumed; a sufficient proof, were there no other, that He who spoke from the burning bush is the author of the Bible."—Selected from *Missionary Advocate*.

REPLY TO S. J. F.

Dear Brother S. J. F.—Your correspondence...
It is perhaps of no great importance to us when Peter entered into the Kingdom, or how he entered it. We all acknowledge that he was in the Kingdom which was inaugurated by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, which was sent down by the Father and the Son, and the 120 disciples were at once made citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Cloven tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them. The Holy Spirit said nothing by His own voice, but He gave all the disciples present the power to speak in other tongues. The Kingdom of Heaven was in that room and all the 120 were in it. The Holy Spirit had brought the Kingdom with Him to Jerusalem. The mighty sound without any seeming cause brought a multitude together. A sound like a tornado without any actual wind would astonish the people now, and bring them in multitudes together to inquire the cause. People from every nation under Heaven were in the sound, and every nationality heard the disciples speak in their own tongues of the wonderful works of God, and some began to explain the matter by saying the disciples were drunk with wine. The Lord now gives the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter and he, by the powers of the Holy Spirit who brought to his memory the words of Jesus and the prophecy of Joel, charges home upon the multitude the greatest crime of the universe, and tells them that God had made that same Jesus, whom they had crucified, both Lord and Christ. When they heard these words they were overwhelmed by their conviction, pricked in their heart, and cried out, men and brethren, what shall we do? (to escape the consequences of their awful sin). The answer was prompt, plain, and decisive, "Repent and be immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children and to them who are afar off, &c." Then they that gladly received the word were baptized, the number being 3,000, who were at once translated out of the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. They did not think of asking for Peter's authority. The stupendous and miraculous wonders of the same convinced them that he spoke with all the authority of the God of Israel. The Kingdom of God was an original institution, and the Holy Spirit guided and controlled all engaged in its inauguration, and was as vividly present then as when he descended from Heaven in the form of a dove, and lighted upon the head of Jesus, still wet with the water of Jordan, and the voice came from Heaven, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." But notwithstanding this the scribes rejected the counsel of God against themselves, refusing to be baptized by him. "And in our own days notwithstanding the wonders of Pentecost, and the command of Peter to repent and be immersed for the remission of sins, and although Jesus said in his great commission to the apostles, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." And although Ananias ren-

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