

spirit, nor by word, nor by letter, as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand!" And Peter, in his second epistle, and third chapter, makes it very clear that the day of the Lord's coming and the "last day" are one and the same event. Paul in 1 Thess. i. 7-10, teaches the same doctrine without the possibility of doubt.

On many other points the teaching of these people is not only defective, but positively erroneous. In our judgment their errors are more numerous and more fatal than those of the Roman Catholics. Repentance and the agency of the Holy Spirit, in working out the great purposes of Christian life and character, have no place in their creed. They are as bigoted as Mahomedans and as self-righteous as the Pharisees. According to their way of thinking, sin is rampant everywhere except among themselves. Still, on the whole, thanks to the constant batterings of their critics, they have patched up a tolerably consistent system of teaching—but at what a tremendous sacrifice of divine truth! The consistency is that of a patchwork or "crazy quilt," and in constructing it they have handled Scripture much in the same way as the ladies cut and shape the patches for that mysterious article. Texts are wrenched from their contextual meaning in a most reckless manner, and are cut down so as to fit into some nook or corner of the system. All that cannot be made to fit are thrown away as so much useless rubbish. There are few people on earth who carry on so large a business in parading Scripture, holiness and logic, with so small an amount of capital invested. Yet they are never amenable to argument. You may pelt them with logic; you may knock them from pillar to post with Scripture; you may leave them without a breath or a word to say for themselves, and in five minutes after they will as coolly proclaim the same errors to some one else, as if nothing had happened. In closing, we strongly urge that our policy must be, not to argue *with them*; but to *fully instruct our congregations in the truth of the Bible—to thoroughly indoctrinate the young, and so guard them against these and other errors.*