

GEHENNA AND ITS FIRE.

MARK IX. 43, 44

“And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

THESE words from the lips of Christ; what do they mean? That is the question which I am intent on trying to answer according to the vision granted me. It can hardly be that any apology is necessary, in bringing up the question before an assembly of Christian worshippers, or that any difficulty need be felt in doing so. To lovers of poetry and the drama, nothing is much more interesting and absorbing than the study of one of Shakespeare's obscure and controverted passages, nor would they consider time wasted, and energy misspent in attempts to elucidate it; and with our reverence for, and faith in the Lord Jesus, a dark and hard saying of His, must always possess strong attraction for us,