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Waiting For the Roll-Call.

Thus spoke an aged Christian As he neared the other shore, Calmly waiting for the summons That would call his spirit o'er.

Only waiting for the roll-call, Ah I how much the words imply; Patiently our dear one waited For the message from on high.

Longing to rejoin the loved one Who nad only "gone before," Gone to join the host immortal On the peaceful " Eden shore."

Soon the angels came to call him, For the Master bade him come To the mansions ready waiting, In the brighter, better home.

Now we miss a gentle presence— Miss a kindly look and tone; Now the days to us seem darker And the earth more cold and lone.

But we hope again to meet him In our Father's house on high, When we've done with earth and sorro In the blissful by-and-by.

C. R.



The Suicide. PETER ANDERSON.

What fatal meshes—who shall say— Their toils had round him spun; What shadows falling on his way Had into darkness turned his day Before its light was done!

Who knows what worlds of vain regre The past might hold for him; What follies he would fain forget That cruel memory clung to yet, And time would never dim !

What promised joys-almost divine-Atoning for the past; What draughts of pleasure's purest win Where all its "glows and glories" shine Seemed to be his-at last-

Seemed to be his-and only seemed One brief, hewildering dream-When all the day-dreams he had dreamed

Even from a child, he fondly deemed Were dawning upon him!

Of cruel agony On him that fell, when mocking fate Like Tantalus had shown-too late The bliss that might not be.

O who can tell, can judge his past, But God, and God alone, Can try that soul, so overcast, That losing every hope at last And doubly desperate grown,

Dashed out on that retreating tide Whence no return has been, The wailing waters that divide The maddening from the misty side, The seen from the unseen.

That tortured soul had know Who from the tyrant, circumstance, Has wrought his own deliverance, Be first to cast a stone.

We have no wisdom to unroll Thy far and fixed design, And feel, O Father, that the whole Of fate's involved, far-reaching scroll No eye may read but Thine

We can but leave it all with Thee: In life's uncertain light Our feeble hands have found no key To the enigmas that we see No strength, its wrongs to right. Hepworth, Ont.

Summerside Letter.

In my last letter I told you about P. E. Island. I also told you something about our work and our workers. town of Summerside. Some may say: are powerless. Theological disserta- integrity, His holy will. in it."

ters of a local nature that only affect] order. A man cannot instruct a First, Sectarianism; second, Infidelity. We have in this town of about 3,000 inhabitants seven churches, the Salvation army, and a strong body of "Free Thinkers " (secularists). The Church of Christ here numbers about 100 members. The prejudice here is very tures. As a people we stand away strong against us, but I am glad to say ahead on this question without being is growing weaker. Our position and encumbered with creeds or anything belief have been grossly misrepresented else of the kind. We stand on "the by unprincipled people. Still the in- impregnable rock of Holy Scripture." fluence of the little band of Disciples Let us grasp the sword of the Spirit has been felt here. We have some grand men and women in this church. We have three of the best elders you can find, men who have been true to their trust. A number of young people have lately come in with us and there are a number more to come in, and we look for a bright future. But then, what about sectarianism? We are opposed to it; we do not think it is according to the Word of God. We are opposing it in a kind and Christian O who shall gauge the crushing weight manner, but they do not like it whichever way we do it. What a pity to see intelligent men and women striving to advance the peculiar tenets and doctrines of a party with so much zeal and energy; so much, indeed, that they do all in their power to hinder the advancement of anything else. How much good they could do if they had their energy turned in the right way. have the plain old gospel to preach in put by one whose scruples deserve an . . . If ye abide in me, and my words its simplicity. Yes! it is our experi- unprejudiced and scriptural answer. Let him who feels each seeming chance ence here that sectarianism is one of Certainly the profession of Chris- and it shall be done unto you." John xv. ment of the gospel of Christ.

> tianity has been opposed and misrepre sented in all ages. Still it has grown and regular Lord's day and mid-week flourished. Infidelity assumes various services and to lead a Christian life; phases, but it is the same thing in the end. We are glad to acknowledge the referred to.
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> the Bible every day, to attend the while it is also certain that no one can be cut off who was never a branch of the country, we will for a short period make, free like for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country, we will for a short period make, free in your section of the country will for a short period make, free in your section of the country will for a short period make, free in your section of the country will for a short period make, free in your section of the period make, free in your section of the period make, free in your section of the period make, free i end. We are glad to acknowledge the referred to. fact that Christianity is advancing at a of the gospel, but it must also be ad- pledge in the following words: mitted that infidelity is on the increase.

> and wherever it is being carried on. when you show what Christianity has but in social visits in the home and by What a benefit can be derived from an done .. enlighten and elevate and mor- coming together in such meetings as prayer to God, "Yet now, if Thou wilt exchange of experiences, both for the alize the world-what lessons of hu-those held by the organization in forgive their sin-; and if not, blot me, individual and for the church. How manity it teaches us-these are the question. comforting it is for two Christians to points infidels cannot get over. Dr. get together who have passed through Storr did a good thing for Christianity promise of Christ, that His followers Moses, whosoever hath sinned against the same trials and difficulties, and as when he gave to the world his "Di- should agree together to obtain religious me, him will I blot out of my book." they bear testimony to what faith in vine Origin of Christianity from an His-benefit. "Again I say unto you, that if Can anything be more decisive than Christ has done for them-how the torical Standpoint." For centuries the two of you shall agree on earth as this? hope of eternal life has cheered them Protestant world has been contending touching anything they shall ask, it To prove that salvation is conin the dark hours—they are drawn near with Romanism. It now appears to shall be done for them of my Father ditional, not only for those who to each other. The rehearsal of their me we have another foe to contend who is in heaven; for WHERE two or come to Christ by faith, repentance, sorrow may bring again the tear to the with. In the book of Revelation we three are gathered together in my name, confession and obedience, but also that eye. Still, even through these tears read of the beast commonly interpreted there am I in the midst of them." those who were purged from their old heaven seems near and hope seems to mean the Church of Rome. But Matt. rviii. 19, 20. brighter because of sympathy. How we also read of the "dragon" and the cheering to meet with warm-hearted "false prophet." Infidelity fits in here requires a mutual pledge as to the patient continuance in well doing, by Christians. It is the same with somewhere. Every preacher of the subject, time and place to meet for this faithfulness unto death, after enumerchurches: they all have their difficul- gospel should take this matter into conties and trials—all have their days of sideration and prepare himself for the doing so much to advance the cause of "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give encouragement when everything goes fight. It will require a special study. well. These are special affairs-mat- A well-informed ministry is always in the individual or the congregation as church unless the has first been inthe case may be, but there are more structed. Now we must instruct the general difficulties that affect all. In people on this great subject—expose this letter I shall speak of two of these: its errors and show that "Our Rock is better than their rocks, themselves being judges."

During this winter I have delivered weekly lectures on the Bible when practicable to highly pleased audiences. We must throw more light on the Scripwith both hands and then though heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord abideth forever."

W. H. HARDINO. Summerside, P. E. Island.

Whe Ciritic's Corner.

Attangements have been made for the underalgned to occupy a small space in each lause of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Yord of God, and he will be pleased to teccive any suggestions or queries in regard to auch from any of its readers; with the under-standing, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity will be discarded. P. Sheppard, Walkerton P. O., Bruce Co.

"Do the Scriptures require the Christian to *pledge* or *promise* anything?"

READER. I understand, from an explanation in all cases in the N. T. accompanying the above question, that [How many Sauls there would be. I am it is in regard to the pledge of the vine: "If a man abide not in me he is glad I am a Disciple of Christ, that I Christian Endeavor Society-a query cast forth as a branch, and is withered

very rapid rate. Indeed, this age commands from Moses at Sinal to Leep care, but that no man can pluck them eclipses all former ages in the progress His Covenant, made a promise or out of His hand or out of His Father's

"And all the people answered to- positive. Sceptical ideas are being advanced in gether and said, all that the Lord hath all our towns and cities. The minds spoken we will do." Ex. xix. 8; and blotted out of the Lamb's Book of of young people are being tainted by the commission given by Christ to the Life, it is because he apostatizes from them. What shall we do? We must apostles, not only requires that those the faith. "He that overcometh the show up the practical side of Chris- who believe and obey the gospel are to same shall be clothed in white raiment, tianity. I do not think there is a town be taught to observe all things that In this letter, if you care about it, I the size of Summerside in the Dominion were commanded, but also that those the Book of Lafe, but I will confess shall tell you something of a more spe- where there is so much infidelity as who are thus instructed are pledged, cial nature-about our work in the there is here. Metaphysical arguments as His disciples, to do, in mutual

"We do not know anything about such tions seems to have no effect. But I say in "mutual integrity," for every a place, therefore we are not interested when you take the Bible and show that true believer is required in union with terested in the work of the Master when made thousands of good men bad-in the regular meetings of the church, blessedness for those who "overcome."

A mutual agreement certainly prayer; and so this society which is ating Christian virtues Peter says, Christ is a holy and pious acquiescence diligence to make your calling and in the Saviour's purpose.

E. S.

BLOTTING OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE.

DEAR BRO. SHEPPARD-Please turn to John x. and read the 27th, 28th and 20th verses, and then see if it is possible for the name of any Christian to be blotted out of the Book of Life.

Yours fraternally,

) W.

The verses referred to are: "My theep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me : and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, who gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

This is indeed a blessed and comforting promise, to give assurance that all those who hear the Saviour's voice and follow Him shall have eternal life: but, like all the promises made by God and the Savious, this one is conditional, and though the conditions are not always stated, they are, as in this case, always implied; and the same is true of God's threatened judgments (see I Samuel, ii. 30, and Jonah iii. 4). A distinct promise with condition only implied, on one hand reserved through disobedience and a positive threat not executed on account of repentance on the other. A continuance in well doing in order to be saved is stated or implied

Take for instance the figure of the abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will. the great drawbacks to the advance, tianity implies a promise or pledge to The whole tenor of this metaphor, used do the will of Christ, and, surely it is by the Saviour, is intended to teach The second hindrance I was totell you His will that the Christian should make that only those who keep His comabout in this letter is Infidelity. Chris- it "the rule of his life" to pray, to read | mandments abide in His love, ver. 10; | we in your section of the country, we

referred to.

given by our brother, it is not said that

The Israelites, after hearing God's the sheep cannot desert their Shepherd's art. This offer good for only a hand; which is undoubtedly true and

And so if a Christian's name is and I will not blot out his name out of him before my Father and before His angels." Rev. iii. 5.

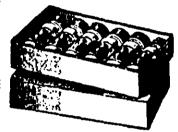
Dare any one say that this is only an intimidating threat which could not be executed, that Jesus Christ knew that a it never made a bad man, although his fellow disciple not only to do all name once written there would always Well, let me tell you, and then per- they call it an indecent book, but has that is required in the C. E. S., but to remain, for it would be idle nonsense haps you may become interested. But made many thousands of good men; assist and strengthen him in the dis- to affirm that it was never written there; I think it is a mistake that a great and then when you show that infidelity charge of duty and the enjoyment of and the promise is given that it shall many Christians make in not been in- never made a bad man good, but has privilege—this can be done, not only remain as a guarantee of eternal

In Exodus xxxii. 32, Moses says in I pray thee, out of thy book which thou Again, it is evident from the following hast written. And the Lord said unto

> sins and adopted into the family of God, will be eventually saved only by a election sure; for if you do these things ye shall never fall." Let us not for one moment cease to watch and pray for the divine guidance to lead us safely to the paradise of God, and then is our salvation sure.

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