

face, and say: "Come down, for to-day I must abide at thy house." So down he came at once, and went off and threw open the door and brought Jesus into his home; and that day did salvation come to that house. Salvation in your house; think of it! The Ark of God had to go from Obed-edom's house in a few months; but this never goes out of the house when once it has come in. Oh, then, see that Christ is in it! "Ark of God," come in! My dwelling is humble in Israel; but thou regardest not the outside. Come in, O Saviour, and abide with us.—*Selected.*

### "TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION."

Four generations before this present time, a christian husband and wife agreed to spend one hour of the first Sabbath of every month in special prayer for the conversion of their children, and also to plead for spiritual blessings upon their descendants to the remotest generation. These parents began to do this with the understanding that each child, when converted, and his or her companion, if married, should also sign and observethe same covenant. It is a good thing if you make a covenant to have it in writing. Eleven children came into this christian home, under the sheltering wings of prayer, two of whom died in early childhood, and nine—seven sons and two daughters—lived to a mature age. Eight of these nine children, with their husbands and wives (for they were all married,) ultimately united in the same covenant with their parents. The ninth died in early manhood, but not until he had given evidence that he too had become a child of God.

Six of the sons, having been hopefully converted, became honoured officers in the Church of Christ, and married eminently christian wives. The daughters were also converted in early womanhood, married christian husbands and trained their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The whole family, sons and daughters, with their husbands and wives, were gathered, by the blessing of a covenant-keeping God, into one common fold. Thus God's mercies covered two generations.

But these covenant blessings did not cease with the second generation. Forty-two grandchildren lived to years of discretion in the line of these blessed generations. Of these all but one, or possibly two, have been converted, and most of them have reared christian families. Five of these grandchildren of the original covenant-makers, and one great-grandchild, became ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Three of the grandchildren and one great-grandchild have been sent out to foreign lands as missionaries to the heathen. The great-grandchildren of this covenanted family are very numerous, and a large number of them are still young in years. They are so widely scattered that they cannot now be readily traced. The older portion of them hold very respectable, and some of them quite conspicuous and useful positions in society. How many of this fourth generation are now christians cannot be ascertained at this time. But it is not known that a single adult descendant of the original covenanted parents has died without giving comforting evidence of true piety.

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