

see no corruption!" The sceptre fell from his hand. The conqueror seized him, bound him, and condemned him to the lake of fire; and then rose from the grave, followed by a band of released captives, who came forth after his resurrection to be witnesses of the victory which he had won.

CHRISTMAS EVANS.

HOW TO BE MISERABLE.—Think about yourself; about what *you* want, what *you* like, what respect people ought to pay to *you*, what people think of *you*; and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you, you will be as wretched as you choose on earth, or in heaven either.

In heaven either, I say. For that proud, greedy, selfish, self-seeking spirit would turn heaven into hell. It did turn heaven into hell, for the great devil himself. It was by pride, by seeking his own glory—so at least, wise men say—that he fell from heaven to hell. He was not content to give up his own will and do God's will like the other angels. He was not content to serve God, and rejoice in God's glory. He would be a master himself, and set up for himself, and rejoice in his own glory and so when he wanted to make a private heaven of his own, he found he had made a hell. When he wanted to be a little god for himself, he lost the life of the true God, to lose which is eternal death. And why? Because his heart was not pure, clean, honest, simple, unselfish. Therefore saw God no more, and learned to hate him whose name is love.—*Kingsley.*

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.—The love of Christ to us is so great, that it can never be fully known by us. But though it passeth knowledge, it is both our duty and our privilege to know much about it, and daily increase in our knowledge. It is delightful to know that we can always get our little minds filled up to the brim with the boundless and unfathomed ocean of Christ's love. O let us count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood," is a sweet song, it is the new song, the song of songs, the song of Moses and the Lamb. Reader, do you know the love of Christ? Can you say he loved me, and gave himself for me?

INTELLIGENCE.

FRANKLIN, C. E.—We are pleased to learn that the Rev. H. Lancashire has received and accepted a unanimous call to the Congregational Church of Franklin, C. E.