

Editor's Portfolio.

ARTICLES WANTED.

THE main object of "*Earnest Christianity*" is to keep before the Church the doctrine and experience of Christian perfection, and it is of the utmost importance that the whole subject should be presented in a clear, Scriptural, and attractive light. To aid us in so important a work, we earnestly invoke the assistance of those who may be moved by the Holy Ghost to write on the subject. What we want is a series of short, clear, pointed, Scriptural papers on the various phases of the Higher Christian Life, to be published first in "*Earnest Christianity*," and afterwards in tract form for general distribution. It is desirable that each paper, except the first, should not exceed the limits of an ordinary eight page tract. The topics are the following:—

- I.—FULL SALVATION; or, The Scripture Doctrine of Christian Perfection. [May extend to 16 pages.]
- II.—THE TWO STATES; or, Regeneration and Sanctification defined.
- III.—PRESENT SALVATION; or, Does the Bible teach that entire Sanctification is the Believer's present privilege?
- IV.—PERFECTING HOLINESS; or, How to attain Christian Perfection.
- V.—PERFECT DAY; or, The Distinct Witness of Christian Perfection.
- VI.—SURE FOUNDATIONS; or, How to be Established in Holiness.
- VII.—WITNESSING FOR JESUS; or, Why, When, Where, and How should we profess Christian Perfection?
- VIII.—"IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?" or, Why we should make Christian Perfection a Specialty.
- IX.—THE CHURCH'S NEED; or, How we may promote Christian Perfection.
- X.—DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL; or, Objections to Christian Perfection Answered.

Please send in articles without delay. We would like to publish the first in the *March* number.

THE SABBATH.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."
—EXODUS xx. 8.

HAIL! Sabbath day, the day I love the best,
The day appointed for mankind to rest,
Thy cheering light I now behold once more,
After another week of toil is o'er.

Lord, keep away all wandering thoughts from me,

And may I spend this Sabbath day to Thee.

And now, while from my bed of sleep I rise,
And bow to pay my morning sacrifice,
Lord, take away each worldly thought and care,
That I may worship Thee in secret prayer;
And may Thy Holy Spirit's aid be given,
That I in spirit may commune with Heaven.

And while I take Thy holy word to read,
The guidance of Thy Spirit then I need;—
O that its sacred rays of light divine
Upon the pages of Thy word may shine!
And may I there be taught to know Thy will,
And strength receive, my duty to fulfil.

And while, with those who in Thy temple meet,
I bow myself to worship at Thy feet,
Or join with those who tuneful voices raise
In grateful songs of holy love and praise,
Or listen to Thy word,—O Lord impart
Thy Spirit's power to fill my longing heart.

And when my Sabbaths here on earth shall end,
Lord grant that I with Thee in heaven may spend

A never-ending Sabbath; there to raise
My voice in rapturous songs of endless praise
Throughout eternity to Thee alone,
With saints and angels round Thy dazzling throne.

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