

The nations which have passed away during the last 6000 years without the true religion must be very many. And since there will be some saved out of "all nations," and as no idolater can be saved, (Gal. V. 19-21,) who among the heathen will be saved unless those who died in early childhood?

I would not, of course, press too far a literal interpretation of these words "all nations," &c. The passage taken by itself might not have much bearing on the salvation of infants, but taken with other considerations it is at least worth pointing out. There is surely a crumb of comfort in it. To my own mind it is a welcome and blessed thought that out of every nation and country under the sun the multitudes of children, who die in infancy, are "caught up to God and to his throne," swelling the number of the redeemed, and constituting imperishable monuments of the grace and power of the Redeemer.

8. *Children seem to be included in those passages of Scripture which speak of the number that shall at last be saved.*

That the number of the saved will be inconceivably great is beyond all doubt. In Revelation, the number of the redeemed is spoken of as "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, (V. 11,) even a great multitude which no man could number." (VII. 9.) Elsewhere they are said to be numerous as the drops of dew, as the dust of the earth, or the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered. I lately saw a calculation founded on Rev. XXI. 16, in which it was attempted to be made out that there is room provided in heaven for all the inhabitants of 11,000 such worlds as ours, even should these worlds be continued for 100,000 years, and the inhabitants multiply as ours have done in the past. I am not prepared at present to pass judgment on this calculation, though I think it at least plausible. All Scripture, however, teaches that heaven will not be a small place, or its population the " gleanings of the vintage." I love to think with many that at the last, as some one has said, the number of the lost will not bear a greater proportion to the number of the saved, than do the criminals in our jails to the whole population of our country. But of whom is this great multitude of happy ransomed ones to be composed? The number of believing adults has always been "few," constituting but a "little flock." What a small fraction of the world's population to-day have even a nominal connection with the Church of Christ! And of these how many have only a nominal! Whence, then, is the vast number of the saved? May we not point to the "little ones," and say, "of such is the kingdom of heaven?" More than a