

with a spirit that goeth downward : or are you a man, with a soul whose father is God ? Are you indifferent about yourself ? Then I shall entreat for yourself—your future self—a high and holy selfishness—that you give instant and earnest heed to what the Bible teaches : that by the terrors of the Lord ye be persuaded to go no farther in the way of sin : and by the promises of the Lord you may be led into the way of life. I would urge you, by certain misery, that you flee from it, while yet there is time ; and by eternal blessedness, that you make it your choice while it is yet within your reach ; and let faith in the Bible lay hold on eternal life. It is your own self through all eternity which is the momentous matter : it is you a saint, or you a sinner for ever : it is you to be either up among the glorified, holy and happy as an angel who never fell, or it is you down among all the misery of hell—hell within you and hell around you, weeping and wailing and gnashing your teeth because of misery you feel : and because of mercy, grace, and glory, all of which you have lost. I can plead, too, by the mercy of God in Christ that you give not yourself to perish ; for surely you need a Saviour, when it required that none other and none less should be provided than the Son of God ; and surely eternal salvation is a mighty reality, when Jesus died to purchase it : and that in believing you may have life through His name. But shall you tell me that God is so merciful that He will not condemn men to eternal misery, and therefore you shall be safe in His condoning grace. Ah ! remember that you know nothing of the soul, or heaven, or hell otherwise than the Bible declares. And why is there mention of heaven, if there are to be no rewards : and why tell of hell, if there is to be no punishment : why faith in a Saviour, if there is to be universal absolution : why a Saviour at all, if the mere mandate of Divine mercy is to cause acquittal : where the justice of putting the good and the bad on equal terms ; and where the felicities we associate with heaven, if the pure and the foul are alike to compose its society ? You extol God's mercy, and so do I ; but God's mercy is here, and through Christ full and free to you now ; but if you reject it here, while it is offered, on what ground of Scripture, or reason, or sense can you expect it, or claim it then ? You are careless about yourself now ; and why should God be careful about you then, and after He had called and you had refused ; after He had stretched out His hands but you regarded them not ? You look for God's mercy in the future. I entreat you to seek it now ; and, in apostolic words, " I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

" WHERE IS HE ?" In a state in which he is neither to be tried nor