

THE FOXES HAV'N THEIR DWELLING.

The foxes have their dwellings,
The little birds their nests,
But God is our Son, that blessed
One,

A thousand tongues are calling
For David's son of Jesse,
And glad they are to sing his
Name,
But oh, they seem a nothing
Sine Christ is our Saviour,

"Lo, I am with you always,
I hear the promise true,
He holds my hand in every land,
I journey with the King,

"IMMORTALITY."

BY H. BROWN.

(Continued from last issue).

"I am in a strait betwixt two
Having a desire to depart
And be with Christ, but to abide
In the flesh is more needful for
you."

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BROS. LAW & WHITELAW,

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But says the materialist "the
rich man and Lazarus had
mastered parts, tongues, fingers,
eyes, &c. &c. &c. but you
and I have no spiritual
body, we possess all the parts or
counterparts of the natural
body. The natural body has
five senses, so has the spiritual
body. 1st reason, 2nd con-
sideration, 3rd will, 4th affections,
5th the senses. These, in their
most sensitive source, peculiar
to man, the lower animal has
something analogous to them,
but in the spiritual body they
just long enough to have a pur-
pose. To instance the inferior
animal seems to have affection
but you will observe it only
lets the young or complete
dependence, then they forsake them
to have. Man has reason—the
brute reason not at all—every
beaver will build a dam like
every other beaver, and he will
build it just as soon as across
a stream. As with the birds in
constructing their nests, they
are all alike, they show no
design, no thought, no reason.
Man on the contrary, reasons,
wills to do and not to do; he
wants adorns, he invents to
make his way, and with ex-
ecutive force surmounts the
greatest difficulties, he subdues
and conquers the fiercest ani-
mals that inhabit the deep,
dark places of the earth, he
takes possession of the forest
and makes the wilderness to
blossom like the rose. The
fiercest animals will almost
invariably flee from the presence
of a mere child. Man is indeed
"fearedly and wonderfully
made." The inferior animal is
conscious of nothing. They
have no conscience, no desires,
they don't even know they are
living, they fear not death, and
when dying don't know it.
Man, with his immortal long-
ings, affections and passions,
looks beyond the boundaries of
time and survives even the re-
pulsive horror of the tomb."
This wonderful something in
man, and to the finite mind,
incomprehensible, that renders
him what he is indeed is the
most wonderful creature in all
the universe of God, and con-
stitutes him Lord of, and over,
the earth on which he dwells
and gives him endless capabili-
ties of education is that known
and denominated by the Chris-
tian world, "Immortality," and
if it be not this, I ask what is
it? and echo answers "What?"

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upon our time, our talents,
or our means. Can we nec-
essarily those claims, and not be-
come responsible for the result?
Some may answer that they
have not the necessary talents or
health or strength to go out
there, and that the Lord does
not approve of "paying preach-
ers" and, therefore, they are
not called upon to do anything.
But have not such persons very
various opinions about what
the Lord approves? Can we
for a moment suppose that He
who gave up glory and honor
in heaven, came to earth and
became a poor that he did
not where to lay his head in
order to save us, who suffered
here in body and in soul to save
us, who purified and commis-
sioned his apostles to go into
all the world and preach the
gospel of salvation who has
committed to his church the
work of continuing his cause
in the world for the salvation
of many; that he will approve
of our doing nothing. Can we
feel under no obligation to hold
forth the word of life? Or has
the time passed away when
"Those that preach the gospel
shall live of the Gospel?" But
dear brethren let us all go to
work with a will, those who
leave their business and their
families and go into those des-
tute places, without pay, let
them do so, and those who are
approved but who cannot go
without being sustained, let
them be sustained; and let
those who have the means, but
cannot go, contribute to their
support, and in this way let
the work go on. But let us
have order in our work, so that
the hundreds and the fifties
may be fed with the "Bread of
Life," and that the fragments
may be gathered up and noth-
ing be lost.

W. M. CREWSON.

THE FOUNDATION.

Much has been written about
the foundation of the Lord's
church, and nothing new need
be said about it; and still there is
reason that it be not neglected.
The "foundation laid in Zion"
should be prominent in all relig-
ious teaching. We should know
what it is and how to get on it—
how to remain there and fill up
our place in the great temple
resting on it. In the present age
of speculation and confusion in
religious thought, teaching and
practice, there is much need for
careful study of the Lord's Word
on the subject. There is evident
ly at the present time much igno-
rance and great indifference among
the teachers of the great rival de-
nominations about the foundation
that Paul speaks of in 1st Cor.,
3: 10 and 11, and which the
Lord spoke of himself—Mat. 16:
10. We fear there are many con-
nected with congregations of the
Lord's people whose ideas on this
matter are very limited. From
observation and testimony we con-
clude the great foundation idea of
the kingdom is not made so prom-
inent as it should be. Frothing
on texts and elaborating what
are called doctrines do not gen-
erally yield much information about
the foundation and its connection
with man's salvation by faith in
the Lord Jesus Christ. It is of
the greatest consequence that the
great foundation principle of the
church be always prominent in the
teaching of those who labor to ex-
tend the kingdom. When the
Saviour promised to build His
church on the glorious truth stated
by Peter, He placed himself be-
fore the minds of His followers in
a very pointed way. He is the
only foundation of His church,
and also its head and supreme
ruler in everything connected
with it. Jesus being the founda-
tion and head of the church him-
self, no church builded on doc-
trine, single or many, can be a
church of His building. He has
only one church or body, and He
is its head, life and light. Doc-
trines or teachings drawn from the
Word of the Lord may enlighten
the mind and direct us in serving
the Lord, but they are not the
means of salvation. The Lord
does not require us to bow down
to or serve doctrine, but all who
will be saved must bow to Him,
that they may be saved from sin
and be raised to glory by Him.
If Jesus were not the foundation
of His church, doctrine could not
be of any value. It is not teach-
ings about Jesus that will save us
but He alone when submitted to
by faith. The great truth that
Jesus is the foundation of His
church should end all contentions
about "doctrinal foundations."
Being head, He is also Lawgiver,
and supreme authority in all
things that pertain to the body for
all time. His church cannot have
any man-made rules or laws con-
nected with it. He gives it laws
and commands all to submit and
enter in and enjoy eternal life and
glory. The reception of a theo-
logical formula of doctrines will
not place any one on the founda-
tion, nor give a right to the tree
of life. The Lord himself must
be received and submitted to by
faith, that we may become His
children. If made so, we must
do His pleasure, and not serve a
party or do our own pleasure.

JOHN BURMAN.

I fear we do, at least in some
places, and I fear that this ten-
dency is growing, and that the
elders and others who are capable
of teaching are neglecting their
duty in this matter. It may not
always be through indifference; it
may often be for want of proper
encouragement on the part of the
brethren. It is not right for the
elders of a church to give up their
places or their duties to a pastor,
neither is it right for the members
of the church to expect the elders
to do so. Let the elders take their
places and fulfil their duties, and
let the Evangelist do his work of
preaching the gospel. Where
there are none qualified in the
congregation to be placed in
charge then the evangelist should
not neglect them. Let them who
are best able to teach and to pre-
ach over the meetings, do so until
they shall be proved and then
let them be fully installed in the
office and let the church show
its appreciation of the labors of
the elders in a becoming manner
and let every member go to work
in earnest, and very shortly fault-
finding and lukewarmness will
entirely disappear. Even so,
Amen. W. M. C.

JOHN BURMAN.

Get but the Truth once uttered,
and 'tis like a star new born, that
drops into its place, and I which,
once shining in its place, round,
not all the tumult of the earth can
shake.—Lowell.

JOHN BURMAN.



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The soul is the life of the body.
Faith is the life of the soul.
Christ is the life of faith.—Flavel.

Trouble and perplexity drives
me to prayer, and prayer drives
away perplexity and trouble.—
Melancthon.

Notwithstanding all that has
been written by learned men upon
the subject, it remains indisput-
able that infant baptism is not
mentioned in the New Testament.
No instance of it is recorded there
no allusion is made to its effects;
no directions are given for its ad-
ministration. However reason-
ably we may be convinced that
we find in the Christian Scriptures
"the fundamental idea from
which infant baptism was after-
ward developed," and by which it
may be justified, it ought to be
distinctly acknowledged that it is
not an apostolic ordinance.

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