





THE FAITH THAT SAVES.

It is written that Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness; i. e., he was made free from condemnation, as one who had never committed sin.

Patmos, looking down through this long vista of years, beholds the great apostasy, and calls it Babylon, "the great city," the "mother of fornication," the "mother of all iniquity."

Germany with Bismarck at the helm—The question of the day in regard to the future of the great empire—Politics of Religion.

granted; but Prince Bismarck will scarcely sanction a measure which, as he well knows, would alienate from him the entire cultivated public of Germany.

EXTRACTS AND COMMENTS. The true friends of Religious Liberty see what are the aims of the National Association, I append the following extracts; they are from a sermon by Rev. J. Blanchard, President of Wheaton College, Illinois, published in the Christian Statesman, and copied into the Synopses of March 13th, 1879, from which I copy.

THE MOUNTAIN AND THE VALLEY. The life of Jesus on earth was full of incidents, some of which were in strange and sharp contrast to others.

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. The National Board of Health, having failed to afford assistance to the city health board of Pensacola, Fla., the latter will be compelled to attempt to enforce protection from foreign imports.

THE LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION. The Louisiana State Convention has adjourned without making provisions for the State debt.

SPRINGS. The Springs of the State, containing of Prof. James B. McGilvery, wife and seven children, will give a musical entertainment at the Chapel of Alfred University, on Wednesday evening, July 23rd.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET. The prices of the New York market for butter, cheese, etc., during the week ending June 28th, reported for the Recorder, by David W. Lewis & Co., Produce Commission Merchants, No. 87 and 89 Broadway, New York.

RECEIPTS. The receipts for the week ending June 28th, reported for the Recorder, by David W. Lewis & Co., Produce Commission Merchants, No. 87 and 89 Broadway, New York.

The Bible Service.

Conducted by a Committee of the AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS, 1879.

THIRD QUARTER.

- July 5. Peace with God. Rom. 5: 1-10.
July 12. The Security of Believers. Rom. 8: 29-39.
July 19. Christian Love. 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.
July 26. Victory over Death. 1 Cor. 15: 50-58.
Aug. 2. Ministry of Reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5: 14-21.
Aug. 9. The Fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 22-23: 1-14.
Aug. 16. The Christian Armor. Eph. 6: 10-12.
Aug. 23. The Mind of Christ. Phil. 3: 1-12.
Aug. 30. Practical Religion. Col. 3: 1-25.
Sept. 6. The Coming of the Lord. 1 Thes. 4: 1-18.
Sept. 13. The Christian in the World. 1 Tim. 6: 6-16.
Sept. 20. The Christian Citizen. Titus 2: 1-14.
Sept. 27. Review.

THE SECURITY OF BELIEVERS

For Sabbath Day, July 12.

ROMANS 8: 29-39.

29. And who shall be able to separate us from the love of God, who has loved us in Christ Jesus our Lord, who has loved us in Christ Jesus our Lord, who has loved us in Christ Jesus our Lord...

TOPIC.—The believer has nothing to fear.

DAILY READINGS.

- 1. Purpose, Eph. 1: 4-4.
2. Plan, John 3: 1-4.
3. Assurance, 1 Cor. 13: 11-12.
4. Called, Matt. 22: 29-30; Eph. 1: 10-12.
5. Retained, Heb. 12: 1-2; 1 Tim. 6: 14.
6. Glorified, Rev. 7: 9-17.
7. All through Christ, Col. 3: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.—If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8: 31.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—All through "the love of God."

TIME.—Spring of A. D. 58. Paul 10 years old, 2 years after his conversion.

SCENE.—The church at Rome, from Corinth, where he stayed three months, Acts 20: 1-3. The "wintering" of 1 Cor. 16: 8.

PLACE.—RHEIMS SCRIPTURE HISTORY.—Acts 20: 1-3.

PERIOD.—Nero, emperor of Rome; Felix, governor of Judea; Agrippa II, king of Chalcis and Galilee.

OUTLINE.

- I. God's purpose to save, v. 29-31.
II. God's plan to save, v. 32-35.
III. God's power to keep, v. 35-39.

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