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NOTE TO THE READER.

Whether it was Dr. Taylor's Key to the Apostolic Writings, Kidwell's to the Apocalypse, or Keith's to the Prophecies, which first suggested the idea of writing a Key to Universalism, I am unable now to say. But for years I have thought if certain words and phrases, could be briefly and lucidly explained, without making such deep plunges into Hebrew and Greek, as some do, it would be the means of throwing back the bolt of ignorance, and of shedding the beams of eternal light into the court of the human understanding. In 1845 I marked down most of the following words and phrases for special examination—*God's Kingdom, Bible Mysteries, Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Remission of Sins, Regeneration, Religion, Destruction of all Evil, Unquenchable Fire, The Undying Worm, The End of the World, The Coming of Christ to Judgement, The Furnace of Fire, The Lake of Fire, or the*

Second Death, The Wine-Press of God's Wrath, The Bottomless Pit, The Smoke that goes up Forever, Hell, Damnation, The Resurrection from the Dead, and the Salvation of the World. These have been my themes, more or less, in all my public ministrations ever since. And although I have availed myself of all the helps within my reach, I confess I am not as well prepared, to do full justice to these momentous items as I could wish.

With this brief explanation, I introduce you, kind reader, if you please, to the doctrine and style of my Key, hoping that you will heed the admonition of St. Paul, "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Griffin, Ga., May, 1854.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD: ITS EXTENT.

As all Bible-believers admit that the Almighty has a kingdom both of nature, grace and glory, it is unnecessary to spend time in proving what is universally conceded. The grand point is, its extent. To this, therefore, candid attention is now directed. None who believe that God created all things, as alleged in the Book of Genesis, can with any plausibility deny that He has a right to govern them. That He does so is plain from the whole tenor of the sacred volume. In proof of this, see Jeremiah, 10th, and Daniel, 4th, where it is said, "O King of nations, among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto Thee. The Lord is the true God; He is the living