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*"With what body do they come?"—Corinthian Doubter.*

*"Thou sowest not that body that shall be."—Paul's Answer.*



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## DEDICATION.

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TO THE LOVED ONES OF LIFE WHO ARE WITH THE LORD  
THIS BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,  
WITH THE CONFIDENT ASSURANCE THAT, THOUGH UN-  
SEEN, THEY ARE EVER PRESENT, LOVING AND BELOVED  
NO LESS BECAUSE THEY HAVE PUT ON IMMORTALITY.

"Men will linger less in the Graveyard if convinced that the dead are elsewhere."—*Dr. Townsend.*

"Some things that we have read and heard about raising to Immortality the body, the breaking up of graves, and the upsetting of tombstones at the material 'resurrection,' may be questioned without heresy."—*Dr. Daniel Curry.*

"Some believe that these bodies shall rise again. Thank God, not I!"—*Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.*

"We shall be like Him, for we shall see him as he is."—*St. John.*



## NOTICE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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THE call for a second edition furnishes an opportunity to the author to add a few pages by way of enlarging upon some points, but chiefly in furnishing references to acknowledged scholars and teachers who agree with him on those most severely criticised in the first edition. This is due to a large class of readers who are not averse to the doctrines taught, but who want first to know that they are agreeable to those whom they are willing to follow, before avowing their assent.

The most caustic criticism which the first edition elicited was from an intelligent class of laymen who had heard of late so little about the resurrection of the physical body that they supposed the doctrine had been given up by the better class of divines. Their criticism was that the book was not called for. Singularly enough, at the very time that that edition was passing through the press the *Methodist Quarterly Review* for October 1873 was also passing through the press with an elaborate article from an eminent writer of New England to prove that "*the flesh shall be raised*;" and numerous criticisms elicited from the religious press of the country show that there are yet persons of respectable rank who still cling to that notion. So far, therefore, as that doctrine is mischievous and this work may remove the error from the Christian Church, the book is timely and will be useful.

Not the least of the commendations which the first edition elicited have been numerous testimonials from those in various walks of life who had been led to look

upon death and the grave with horror. The more cheerful, hopeful, trustful, Scriptural views herein taught have mitigated the grief they had endured in the loss of loved ones, and removed from their own anticipations all dread of the cheerless charnel-house. The writer is quite content to let those criticise who delight in it, while such results as these follow the reading of the book by the millions who have no favorite creed to maintain, but who wish to drink of the pure waters of the river of life as they flow from the Word of God. That thousands will be made better and happier by reading these pages we firmly believe. None can possibly be made less useful or less happy.

## PREFACE.

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THIS little book will fall into the hands of some persons who will not read it. A glance at the title-page, and a discovery that the author is not of their rank, will be sufficient. Being great men themselves, they learn nothing from common men. Besides, having made up their minds on the subject discussed, what use?

Others, glancing hastily through it, and discovering that it does not interpret the Bible just as they do, will lay it down with very profound contempt, and probably denounce it as infidel. This is by far the cheapest way to dispose of it. It is the common resort of imbeciles and bigots.

The writer once encountered a representative of this class in the person of a class-leader who had emigrated from the sand-hills of North Carolina. The shape and motions of the earth had been mentioned somehow in a sermon. Deeply grieved and piously indignant, he rushed to the Bible to overthrow the doctrine. "The earth is not round," said he, with an air of triumph. "See here! 'I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth.' How can anything be round which has four corners? And the earth does not swing upon nothing. See here! 'Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth.' How can anything swing upon nothing when it has foundations? Besides that, did not Joshua command the sun to stand still? How could it stop if it had not been going?"

We could not answer him, for he was ensconced behind the Bible, and no argument could convince him