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Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.—*Jude*

GEORGE PECK, EDITOR.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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THE following pages contain the substance of a discourse on the resurrection of the body, preached in Erie, Pa., late in the fall of 1845. The occasion of the sermon was the introduction of numerous copies of a book written by George Bush, Professor of Hebrew in the New-York University. The avowed object of the book is to overthrow the commonly received opinion of the resurrection of the body. These books were extensively circulated and read. Some embraced the new theory, others found their faith weakened by the bewildering speculations of the learned author.

Under these circumstances, believing the error inculcated in the book to be fun-

damental; that it aimed a fatal blow at the very vitals of Christianity; that it led directly, in all its tendencies, to infidelity; a *refutation* was undertaken, and the following discourse, in three parts, delivered during three successive sabbaths.

Immediately upon the delivery of the sermon, the author was waited on for a copy of his discourse for publication. But owing to providential circumstances the sermon could not be prepared for the press at that time, nor during the past winter.

A few weeks since, the author learned from his much esteemed friend, Hon. James D. Dunlap, of Erie, that while at Harrisburgh, the last winter, he had made arrangements with the book agents at New-York to publish the sermon, provided that, in the estimation of the agents, it answered the description given of it; and forthwith he commenced writing out the discourse, from extensive notes prepared at the time of preaching it.



If the author were persuaded that his humble effort to defend the Scripture doctrine on the subject of the resurrection would have the effect, in any degree, to counteract the injurious tendencies of a theory, calculated at once to unsettle the very foundations of our holy Christianity; if it should have the effect in any degree to place in a clear light a great and precious doctrine of the gospel, and to rescue a truth that is *vital* from the attack of a vain philosophy, the same motive that led to its preparation and delivery would now induce him to give it a more extensive circulation.

*Alleghany College, May 27, 1846.*



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PART I.

WHY SHOULD IT BE THOUGHT A THING INCREDIBLE WITH YOU, THAT GOD SHOULD RAISE THE DEAD!—ACTS XXVI, 8.

WHATEVER throws light upon the ultimate destination of man must be matter of intense interest to every considerate mind. That man is mortal; that his stay upon earth is brief and uncertain; that age, like the chilling winter, palsies and benumbs his limbs; that the dark and dismal night of death closes around him in the midst of his pursuits, are truths within the observation of all. But "if a man die, shall he live again?" Is there a trans-sepulchral world? Is the lamp of reason and intelligence, which has been lighted up by the eternal Fountain, to go out in everlasting darkness; or, does the curtain of death but conceal from mortal view its lustre, while it passes over the "gloomy vale" into a "spirit land?" Is the "dark valley and shadow of death" the ultimate boundary