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## NOTE.

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The first part of this pamphlet — the correspondence with the *Chicago Tribune* — was published, as will be seen, some ten years ago. The favor with which it was then received may be learned from a few samples of notices :

“An admirable dissection and exposure of a plausible and popular delusion. A good thing to have it scattered abroad by thousands.

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C. C. C.”



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

“Your little pamphlets on FUTURE PUNISHMENT came safely to hand and were read with deep interest by me and my family. You have not often done a better thing. The points were admirably made, and covered the case completely, leaving the *Tribune* not an inch of standing room. As the pastors did not reply to the paper, they should certainly give you a vote of thanks for doing it in their behalf, for the *Tribune* article was very plausible to the common mind.”

Yours truly,

“WM. W. PATTON.”

The following from the now sainted commentator is not quite all germane to this subject, but is too good to be abbreviated :

“OBERLIN, March 30, 1878.

“DEAR BROTHER :—I have just read your pamphlet on FUTURE PUNISHMENT, with unqualified admiration. The spirit of the discussion is a model, the argument on your side well managed and conclusive. I am sure it must do good.

“As I read I was impressed with this : that the gospel scheme is virtually God's great solicitation to revolted man to come back with pardon for the past, into sympathy with himself in his benevolence toward all sentient beings ; regeneration is not that vague meaningless thing many suppose it to be, but is in substance *man's consent*, but to be unregenerate is his guilty refusal. Pity the gospel should be so

egregiously misconceived! Let us do all we can to bring men to better thinking in its vital points."

"Ever yours,  
"HENRY COWLES."

"A remarkably clear and clean-cut argument. The best I ever saw on that subject."

"[Dea.] JAMES FRANCIS,  
"Pittsfield, Mass."

"Brother Hammond has done that work singularly well.

"H. D. KITCHEL,  
"Ex-President of Middlebury College."

Equally emphatic indorsements could be quoted from President Fairchild, Dr. Edward P. Goodwin, Joseph Cook, and many others.

The professors of the Chicago Theological Seminary supplied each of its students with a copy.

Two editions were issued at that time, but they were long ago exhausted. In preparing a third, the author has seen no occasion for revising his reply to the *Tribune*, since there has never, to his knowledge, been any attempt to answer the argument. But he has thought to increase the usefulness of the treatise by adding a few short chapters which then seemed essential to a full discussion of the great theme, but were omitted, — on the NATURE of this punishment, its DURATION, and the comparative numbers of the SAVED and the LOST.

These additions, it may be well to say, have been submitted to the same critical theologian of national repute who advised the publication of the first edition.

And now it is confidently hoped that it presents in compact form a ready and satisfactory reply to the most common and popular objections brought against the doctrine of Retribution. It is commended to theological students, to Bible classes, to evangelistic workers, to young pastors, and to all who have to deal with honest inquirers, or even with skeptics.