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INTRODUCTORY.

IN the year 1833, at the age of nineteen, God in His mercy drew me with the cords of His love from a life of sin and wickedness to Himself. This is mentioned to show that the writer is not a recent convert.

Until the year 1870, or for the first thirty seven years of my Christian life, I maintained and enforced the popular view of the unending torment of those who die impenitent, and of there being no possibility of repentance after death. During the last fifteen years of earnest study and prayer, this doctrine has become more and more unten-

able in my estimation, and whilst some few highly esteemed and loved friends counselled me (years ago) not to publish my views, many have urged me to do so, as a duty.

The novelty and excitement incident to such a radical changing of opinion justified my hesitation to avow it publicly. It now presses upon me that before I go hence, it is right for me to declare and publish what I think is in keeping with the Word of God upon this subject. A further reason for so doing is the hope of thereby strengthening the hands of the comparatively few, who, like myself, have been compelled to abandon the popular view; the number of whom, thank God, is fast increasing; and if Christians would but give the question a thorough and unprejudiced examination, I am persuaded conversions would soon be multiplied many fold. 'The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way.'¹ May we approach the subject in this spirit.

By the year 1876 the subject had developed considerably in my mind; and having pro-

¹ Psa. xxv. 9.

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mised a friend to write out some of my reasons for hoping that sin and rebellion against God will not continue absolutely without end, the following letter (slightly modified only) was penned. The Authorized Version was employed in this letter.

*'I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'*¹

*'I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. . . I have seen his ways, and will heal him.'*²

¹ Isa. xli. 9.

² Isa. lvii. 16.

LETTER I.

BOURNEMOUTH, *March 20, 1876.*

MY DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD,

It would be difficult to express my feelings in attempting to fulfil the promise of writing to you in respect to the hope I entertain of the final well-being of the children of men ; and consequently my very grave doubts of the correctness of the common opinion, that all who die unconverted, without exception will pass into a state of (literally) unending pain or torment.

A more momentous subject can scarcely be conceived of, and I earnestly pray God to keep and guide me in writing upon it.

The wages or penalty of sin, as well as the gracious salvation provided by God, will assuredly be found to occupy a very large place in the Bible ; and I am sure we both