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interest in it become too absorbing, he often places obstacles in the way of its exercise. The sepulchre of Moses was revealed to no man. And how many mourn for those in unknown and in watery graves?

3. *Christ teaches how we may meet our Maker without fear in the judgment day.*

This fear is really the main cause of the dread of death. No one needs to be told that he is sinful in the sight of God. Conscience condemns us in advance, as far as our own merits are concerned. But Christ has borne our sins, and if we accept Him for a Saviour all is well. To one who may doubt the efficacy of so simple an arrangement, let me say, would it not take away all your fear of death to know of a surety that God is your friend? Consciousness of this is just what Christ seeks to impart.

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## CHRIST'S RESURRECTION THE PROMISE AND PROPHECY OF OUR OWN.

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*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.*—I CORINTHIANS XV. 20.

I FIND in the text a prophecy of our own resurrection. Before I finish I hope to pass through every cemetery and drop a flower of hope on the tombs of all who have died in Christ. Rejoicing in Christ's resurrection we rejoice in the resurrection of all the good.

The greatest of all conquerors is not Alexander, or Cæsar, or Napoleon, but death. His throne is in the sepulchre. But his sceptre shall be broken, for the dead in Christ shall arise.

There are mysteries around this resurrection of the body which I can't explain. Who can unravel the mysteries of nature? Who can explain how this vast variety of flowers has come from seeds which look so nearly alike? Tell me how God can turn the chariot of His omnipotence on a rose leaf? Mystery meets us at every turn.

One objects: The body may be scattered—an arm in Africa, a

leg in Europe, the rest of the body here. How will it be gathered on the resurrection morn ?

Another objects : The body changes every seven years. It is perishing continually. The blood-vessels are canals along which the breadstuff is conveyed to the wasted and hungry parts of our bodies. Says another : A man dies ; plants take up parts of the body ; animals eat the plants, and other men eat the animals. Now, to which body will belong these particles of matter ?

Are these all the questions you can ask ? If not, ask on. I do not pretend to answer them. I fall back on these words, " All that are in their graves shall come forth."

There are some things, however, we do know about the resurrected body.

1. It will be a glorious body. The body, as we now see it, is but a skeleton to what it would have been were it not marred by sin.

2. It will be an immortal body.

3. A powerful body—unconquerable for evermore—never tired.

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## CHRIST AND THE IMMORTAL LIFE.

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*Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.—HEBREWS vi, 20.*

THE doctrine of immortality was taught before Christ appeared, but in Him there was an assurance given of it such as was never before given. In an eminent sense, life and immortality were brought to light in Him. Before Him men reasoned ably on the subject, but still they were not satisfied—they felt the need of some higher evidence. Their thoughts were in a chaotic state—more light was needed.

What is there peculiar in the Bible in relation to this subject ?

1. *The future, as revealed by Christ, is the continuance of that which is present.* He came from the other world, and presented the most convincing credentials of His character and mission. The evidence He gave was of a personal nature, and was on this account of the greater force. The believer is united to Him by