people. Adieu.

C. B. HASSELL.

"Twixt Jesus and the chosen race Subsists a bond of sovereign grace, That hell with its infernal train, Shall ne'er dissolve or rend in twain.

This sacred bond shall never break, Though earth should to her centre shake; Rest, doubting saint, assured of this, For God has pledged his holiness.

He sware but once, the deed was done, Twas settled by the great Three-One; Christ was appointed to redeem All that the Father lov'd in him.

Hail sacred union, firm and strong, How great the grace, how sweet the song, That rebel worms should ever be One with incarnate Deity.

One in the tomb, one when he rose, One when he triumph'd o'er his foes; One when in heaven he took his seat, While scraph's sung all hell's defeat.

This sacred tie forbids their fears, For all he is or has, is theirs; With him, their head, they stand or fall, Their life, their surety, and their all."

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Fragments.

No. 4.

PLOWING.

business, I propose to suggest a few me." Matthew 10:37.

of synopsis of our faith, touching himself, who seeing me idle said unto ["Behold the fowls of the air: for south wind has blown on the garden the union between Christ and his me, "Son, go work to-day in my they sow not, neither do they reap, after a rain, O how sweet the fravineyard." Matthew 21:28. This nor gather into barns; yet your hea-grance! How delightful the lilly I felt sensible that I did not under- of its uses and how it has to be run. stand the business of such delicate The rows of plants in this wonderful and refined horticulture; second, I garden are all straight, every way one was of such humble birth and pre- can look, each one in its proper place tentions I felt that I was not adapted and in order, "from the cedar tree to so high and honorable a place; that is in Lebanon, even unto the third, I had no tools to work with; hyssop that springeth out of the wall." fourth, my affection and anxiety for I Kings 4:23. But there were my family seemed to stand directly thorns and briars and hurtful weeds in my way. But as fast as I could continually springing up from the frame excuses, the Husbandman native soil, and growing promiscuoussaid "The preparation of the heart be rooted up by the plew and mat-

startled me, for several reasons: first, uable implement, I shall briefly speak delights? would refute them. To the first He ly among the plants, and these had to ROMANS 5:14. is from the Lord." Prov. 16:1. To through the field between the rows of hath chosen the foolish things of this never to look back. To be careful thing further on the above text. world to confound the wise." I Cor. not to hurt the plants nor the vines,

I subjoin a few verses as a kind ployed to work by the Husbandman things shall be added unto you."—I from Mount Hermon. When the unexpected call upon me from so re- venly Father feedeth them." So I and the rese appear! How honoranowned and honored a personage as plowed on, and though I shall not ble is the company of the Gardener the Lord of the vineyard, almost now describe this wonderful and val- when He cometh into His garden of

> "Awake, O heavenly wind, and come, Blow on this garden of perfume; Spirit divine, descend and breathe,

A gracious gale on plants beneath."

And now, brother Bodenhamer, to you and your readers, I extend a Christian greeting, and remain, in tribulation, your unworthy brother,

I. N. VANMETER.

Оренжа, Ала., Dec. 9, 1869. "The similitude of Adam's transgression."

In the post-script of my letter pulin man, and the answer of the tongue, tock. I was directed to plow straight lished in the Landmarks of December 1st, I promised conditionally that I the second excuse He said, "God plants, eyes in front on my rew, and might at some future time say some-

A "similitude" is a likeness, and 1:27. To the third He said He for they had "tender grapes," but to no man can sin "after the similitude would furnish all the tools and im-stir the ground, root up the thorns of Adam's transgression," because re plements He would require me to and noctious weeds. At first I was man ever stood as the head and repuse, showing me at the same time a puzzled to distinguish some of the resentative of the human family as plow, well scoured and bright, (Luke weeds from the plants, as the former he does, neither has any law ever 9:62,) a matteck to dig among the sometimes showed leaves and blos- been given to any man as an "inne-BROTHER BODENHAMER: -At I trees and plants, (Isaiah 7:25; Luke Louis resciabling the latter, and I was cent" creature since the law given to followed the plow from bothood un- 13:8,) and to the fourth excuse He frequently dodging the plow around Adam has been transgressed. The til I became disabled in 1861, and said, "He that leveth son or daugh- such; but the proprietor discovering law given by Moses was given to those have some practical knowledge of the ter more than me is not worthy of my want of understanding and expe- who were already condemned by the rience, told me to plow up everything law which Adam transgressed, and hints on that subject through the | So I went into the vineyard and between the rows, and spare nothing even admitting that the law of Moses "Landmarks," if you permit, for the He set me to plowing. How awk- that was not in line. I plowed on had been punctually obeyed, it could consideration of those of like occu- ward I was, and how awkward I again, and now I turned up every not have abolished the sentence of pation; though it is probable that felt. I soon found that others more thing beforeme-weeds, briars, thorns, death contained in the law given to they could better instruct me, yet, experienced and more skillful could frogs, (Rev. 16:13,) scorpions and Adam "If there had been a law such as I have I shall briefly give. plow much better than I, and my serpents. Now and then a nest of given that could have given life, verily The Husbandman who employed work looked so poor and defective by yellow jackets was stirred up, and I righteousness would have been by the me to plow has an extensive field, or the side of theirs that I was ashamed soon began to see that I was at a law." Touching the righteousness rather garden, sometimes called a of my plowing. I also began to think business which exposed me to danger. that was in the ceremonial law, Saul vinevard, all meaning the same en- of my wife and little ones at home, The brians and thorns often pierced of Tarsus was "blameless," even when closure, which He selected for His and was perplexed about their sus- my sides and my eyes; the bees stung he was breathing out threatenings and own use, not because the place or tenance and welfare; so I plead with me, the serpents snapped at me, and slaughter against the church of God. ground was originally either rich or my employer to let me go home and I was cringing on every side. But His blameless righteousness in the eve beautiful, but because it suited His see how they fared, or at last to bid as I complained of these difficulties of that law could not release him from own taste to do so. This ground He them farewell. To this, as I thought the Lord of the vineyard shod my the reign of death under the first law enclosed with walls of salvation, (Isa. reasonable request, He sternly re- feet and "fenced me with iron," (2d given to man. This first law is the 26:1) and hedged it round about, plied, "No man, having put his hand Sam. 23:7,) and made my face strong only law ever given to man as an inand digged a wine press, and built a to the plow, and looking back, is fit and my forehead as an adamant har nocent creature, and the only law that tower, &c. Matthew 21:33. Next for the kingdom of God." Luke 9: der than flint." Eze. 3:8, 9. As affects his eternal destiny, or that will He removed the thorns and briars, 62. This almost broke my heart, soon as I was seen by these reptiles hold dominion over him beyond this prepared the ground, enriched it, and and so sounded in my ears and thus clad in iron, they nick-named present life. All other laws relate to afterwards planted it in choice vines through my soul that I was made to me "Iron-Jacket," which name I his temporal or time state. Even and other rare and beautiful plants, shudder; but He, knowing my dis- have borne ever since. But I some- admitting that men as sinners could such as the pomegranate, camphire, tress and solicitude for the welfare of times, while plowing among these punctually obey every law that relates spikenard, saffron, cinnamon, frank- the dear ones I had left behind, graceful and fragrant plants, have al- to their temporal or time state, and incense and myrrh, interspersed with pledged his honor, in the most solemn most forgotten these annoyances, for secure every blessing promised in the rose of Sharon and cedars of Leb- manner, to see to their wants, saying gotten self, and home, and friends; such laws, they would still be under anon. Song 4:12-14. It was in "Your Father knoweth what things especially just after a gentle rain has the reign of eternal death which this garden and vineyard I was em- ye have need of," and "all these fallen, and the dew has descended passed upon all men when Adam