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"That they go forward"—Moses. "I press toward the mark"—Paul.

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Miss Annie E. Williams and Rebecca D. Toland have been appointed by Bishop Pierce to the boarding school for Mexican girls at Laredo, Texas.

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The shepherd answered: "Ay my lord; but if ye had been a sheep, ye would have had more sense."

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Our Boys.

AN ENGINEER'S RACE FOR LIFE.

At Pantano Wednesday afternoon the brakes of a flat car loaded with ties, became loosened in some inexplicable manner and the car began to move down the steep grade toward Cienega.

KEEP THE LIFE PURE.

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Home.

THE CHILD-MARTYR.

In the reign of the Roman Emperor Galerius, three hundred years after the death of Christ, the senior deacon of the Church at Caesarea was called to suffer martyrdom for the faith of the Gospel.

Now it happened that a Roman mother was present, holding by the hand a little boy eight or nine years of age. The Emperor no sooner heard the martyr's words than his eyes rested on the child, and he desired the Christian to put the question to him.

The first step, then, is a thorough respect for one's character as a true Christian in God's sight, not in man's.

To practice righteousness and resist sin requires the indwelling strength of God. "Renew a right spirit within me," prayed the Psalmist.

The surest preventive of sin is the practice of holiness. When the mind is full of joy in serving God it pays no heed to the devil's bribes.

Morse, who invented the telegraph, and Bell, the inventor of the telephone, both had deaf mute wives. Little comment is necessary, but just see what a man can accomplish when everything is quiet.

THE GOSPEL INVITATION.

as a Governor, as a reward or punisher, he no longer acts as a mere sovereign, by his own sole will and pleasure; but as an impartial Judge, guided in all things by invariable justice.

Yet it is true that, in some cases, mercy rejoices over justice; although severity never does. God may reward more, but he will never punish more, than strict justice requires.

Let these two ideas of God the Creator, the sovereign Creator, and God the Governor, the just Governor, be always kept apart. Let us distinguish them from each other with the utmost care.

A vast throng of observers gathered recently on Broadway, New York, gazing intently upward. Upon one of the massive buildings that tower far up into the sky workmen were engaged in adjusting the topmost spire.

This incident suggests a most valuable lesson in the spiritual world. Let there be but one soul in the community truly and deeply awakened on account of sin.

With an absorbed, anxious thought looking away from all sensual things; forgetful even, for the moment, of earthly engagements, so occupied with the supreme magnitude of eternal interests—how soon will other souls be moved in like manner!

This is equally true in the believing church. Let one soul be thoroughly convinced of the necessity of a clean heart. Let a view of the nature of sin remove spirit and hardness. Let the promise of fullness in Christ kindle holy desires within; the eyes be lifted to the mercy seat in prayer; the mind be lost in the one aspiration to behold Jesus, and in all possible completeness to bear his image.

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The Pastor.

ONLY WAITING.

Only waiting till the shadows Are a little longer grown; Only waiting till the glimmer Of the day's last beam is flown;

Only waiting till the angels Open wide the mystic gate, At whose weary feet I've lingered, Weary, poor and desolate.

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The Pulpit.

THOUGHTS UPON GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.

God reveals himself under a twofold character, as a Creator and as a Governor. These are no way inconsistent with each other, but they are totally different.

As a Creator he has acted in all things according to his own sovereignty will. Justice has not, cannot have, any place here; for nothing is due to what has no being.

1. He began his creation at a certain time, and he made him good. Had it pleased him, it might have been millions of years sooner or millions of years later.

2. He determined by his sovereignty will the duration of the universe, whether it should last seven thousand, or seven hundred thousand, or numberless millions of years.

3. By the same he appointed the place of the universe in the immensity of space.

4. Of his sovereignty will he determined the number of the stars, of all the component parts of the universe, and the magnitude of every atom, of every fixed star, every planet, and every comet.

5. As Sovereign he created the earth, with all the furniture of it, whether animated or inanimate, and gave to each such a nature with such properties.

6. Of his own good pleasure he made such a creature as man, an embodied spirit, and, in consequence of his spiritual nature, endowed with understanding, will, and liberty.

7. He hath determined the way ever nation to come into the bounds of their day.

8. He has allotted time, the place, the circumstance, for the birth of each individual.

9. He has given to each a body, as it pleased him, weak or strong, healthy or sickly. This implies, 10. That he gives them various degrees of understanding and of knowledge, diversified by numberless circumstances.