

He was not preaching during those three days to the Jews, the Romans or to you and I, but to the spirits of men who once had lived upon the earth and were then held in the spirit's prison house, awaiting the resurrection and the judgment. The anticipation of the first resurrection, to the righteous, increases the interest in the second advent, and does not, as this writer asserts, destroy it as a fundamental doctrine of the Bible, or even set it aside. They who are living in faith on the Son of God, or who have passed beyond, long for the day in which He who is the Chief Shepherd shall appear to give them the crown of eternal lives which He has promised.

The resurrection will re-unite body and spirit, and those who are Christ's at His coming shall have been purified by earthly dissolution and the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. That glorious union will be immortalized, have the power of eternal life and increase and shall die no more. As all are to be raised in due time, the just and the unjust, those who are not purified and sanctified will remain "filthy still," and will be banished from the presence of the Lord. Without a perfect union of body and spirit, purified and immortalized, there could be no capacity for a full enjoyment or a fulness of felicity. And thus purified and freed from earthly dross and corruption man's earthly frame is not a "prison house, a cage, a clog to the soul;" it is an eternal paternal endowment, an indispensable temple, and when thus united, in incorruptibility, by the power of the resurrection, the perfect man in Christ Jesus is prepared to follow in the path of eternal progress and exaltation, worlds without end.

These are only a few of the many reasons to be found in the Scriptures of divine truth, to prove the existence and separate identity of man's spiritual being and the truth and necessity of the resurrection, but they are more than sufficient to shatter the sophistries of truth-deniers, whoever they may be. Much more, we are aware, could also have been said by the writer of the tract referred to in support of his position, but it could not stand the searching light of truth. For not only can it be proved that the spirit exists in the body, and out of the body, but that it exists, living and intelligent, before the body is born! No one can prove when the spirit had a beginning; no one can prove that it will ever die.

MNEFI.

THE FAR NORTH.

SWEDEN.

Dr. Elias E.quist of Upsala died at the age of 70 years.

E. J. Tagmumber of Renssela lost five children by death within the course of one month.

Lars Olaf, a well-known citizen of Gahenbury, has mysteriously disappeared. Foot-py is suspected.

A Rjörke, proprietor of the American hotel in Malmö, committed suicide, because he was accused of a theft.

A Sjunde's country mansion in Halmö, the parish of Förs, was burned down. The fire was caused by arson.

Eslof, a village in the province of Skone, will soon obtain its charter as a city. Eslof has several thousand inhabitants.]

The crown prince has returned to Stockholm from Norway. The king will soon leave, but the exact date is not yet known.

The well known sporting man and journalist C. G. Uddgren, who will attempt to row across the Atlantic in a small boat, has returned to Sweden from America.]

Anders Karlsson, a tanner of Karlskrona, has disappeared, and probably made his way to America. He has taken along 20,000 crowns, which he succeeded to borrow from friends.

August Strindberg, the great Swedish author, who obtained a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Sirl von Essen, some time ago, will probably soon marry again, this time an educated Vienna lady, who has taken great interest in Swedish literature.

The fiat must have gone forth that the Russification of the old Swedish provinces shall be so complete that not even the proper names remind of Swedish occupancy. Thus the names of Dorpat and Duennaburg were changed to Juriev and Dvinsk some time ago. Now the Russians have gone a step further and have changed the name Narva to Invangorod. The reference to the great battle of Narva will soon be devoid of its meaning to the common people of Sweden, and if the new name is adopted, the poetry of the event is marred.

The Fredrickaberg nursery and orchard, a short distance west of the city of Norrköping is a practical illustration of what tireless activity may accomplish. Some twenty years ago the eight acres now covered by the orchard and the four hot houses presented a naked rock with the exception of one half acre. Mr. Jansson, the present owner, commenced to haul earth up there, chiefly from the city of Norrköping, and one patch of rock was covered up and laid out into garden plots, hotbeds, etc., after another, until the eight acres bring an annual revenue of \$8000. Mr. Jansson now has retired from business and left the property in charge of his son.

A farmer's wife at Enghult invited a dozen of her lady friends to coffee against the will of her husband. When the party had been some time at the coffee table, the farmer said: "As the landlady treats you to coffee, I suppose the landlord will have to treat you; to snuff," and handed his snuff-box to the lady next to him. It was passed around, and they all helped themselves to a few grains in order not to offend their host. They all began to sneeze. At first they only laughed, and said it was good to have a vigorous shaking-up off and on by way of sneezing. But the fun of the thing soon wore away, for they found it impossible to stop sneezing, and the noses of some of them began to bleed. One after another had to leave and go home as soon as possible, and most of them had to go to bed before they recovered. It was afterwards ascertained that the generous host had mixed up his snuff with black pepper and mustard in order to let the women

folks know that they were not welcome to those coffee parties.

NORWAY.

The receipts of the Christiania street car company for the past year were \$78,500 and the number of passengers carried 2,314,141, or 6,323 per day. The surplus is about \$20,000.

The board of health of Belgium has declared that the ice from the canals of that country contains cholera bacilli, and it is expected that large quantities of ice will be ordered from Norway during the summer.

The conservatives have so far controlled the elections of Christiania. But the liberals are developing great energy in the capital at present and it is expected that the two parties will be about equal in strength at the next election.

A Danish paper claims that both Stang and Sverdrup have advised the king to sanction the resolution of March 17th. According to the same authority, the Storting will make appropriations for the Norwegian consular service.

After an exhaustive discussion of the saloon question, the Christiania labor union passed this resolution: "The meeting condemns the sale of liquors for the purpose of making money, inasmuch as the result is that those in charge of the traffic try to sell as much as possible instead of as little as possible. As a remedy we propose that all manufacture, purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors be assumed by the state; that the people of the country, by means of statistics, etc., be informed of the material and moral harm caused by the manufacture and use of strong drinks; and the question of sale or no sale of liquors in the different localities be decided by a vote of all grown men and women thereof."

DENMARK.

The lower house of the Riksdag has adopted the budget by 69 to 17 votes. As passed it shows a surplus of 2,000,000 crowns as against a surplus of 1,300,000 crowns in the original estimates submitted by the government.

The banquet given some time ago by "Corn Murphy" at Copenhagen has served as a great advertising card for American corn. Judging from a Danish translation, the menu must have looked somewhat like this, the wines being left out:

Corn mush and milk.
Grilled oysters, rolled in corn meal.
Johnny cake and maple syrup.
Turkey with corn dumplings.
Canned corn.
Corn pudding and California fruit.
Corn bread, butter and cheese.
Ice cream.

PROVO LETTER.

Provo, April 18.—Brigham Johnson, formerly a missionary to the Sandwich Islands, is in receipt of a communication from ex-Queen Liliuokalani. While president of the mission he formed the queen's acquaintance, and she several times attended the services of the Latter-day Saints. When he left, she requested that he communicate with her, and in answer to such communication, the following letter was received: