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ABILITY versus OBLIGATION.

That all men are born in an unequal state, is admitted; that they are unable, in this unregenerate state, to love God and keep his commandments, is a fact also widely admitted; and yet, that man is required to love God, is clearly taught in the Scriptures. It is such a requirement as is, in all God's acts are right, and all his requirements just, we wish to relieve the divine character of any such imposition.

It must be remembered, at the outset, that man's inability is moral and self-imposed. It would be manifestly unjust to require of him to do that which he is unable to do. Equally would it be so to require a child to reason out the principles of philosophy; to comprehend, and state with accuracy, the subtleties of metaphysics; to paint with the trained skill of the great masters, or to read the classics. In such cases the inability which limits obligation is divinely imposed; hence it would be unjust to require such things. But in the sphere of religious duty, the case is altogether different, because inability arises out of the corruption of our fallen nature, which is the immediate result of man's voluntary transgression of God's law, so that they are unable to love, but looking to Jesus for strength to obey, the dead bear his voice and come forth.

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And then we certainly owe something to the good people who entertain us. It is no small or easy matter to entertain such a meeting, and the good people with whom we meet have a right to expect the very best in regard to singing, praying, speaking, and preaching, the body can afford. But a mere business meeting, where we have no opportunity to see some part in the services. This is all we can say just now. Brethren, think of these things, and give us the benefit of your suggestions.

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likely responsible for failures; and just as we blame their inability in a result of sin, and, also, because provision for overcoming this inability is at hand. To this we will now attend. The provision is a gracious one. What man can not do of himself, he can accomplish through the strength which God supplies. The same apostle who could do nothing of himself, could do all things through Christ, strengthening him. The statement of a cold, soulless infidelity, that God has bound man hand and foot, then holds before them, temptingly, the blessing of salvation, and laughs at their inability to lay hold upon them, is false in every particular. For, as already stated, man has put on his own fetters. And, while God laughs at the calamity of the finally impenitent, so far is he from laughing at the efforts of penitent and anxious souls to secure salvation, that he graciously sends down his will to apply the power. Where the Savior comes to the man with the withered hand, he said, "Stretch forth thy hand." But the man was unable, within himself, to obey. It was an actual case of positive inability. He might have said—and very truthfully would his words have been—"Lord, here I do, but I had had lain paralyzed by my side, for those many years, and I can not stretch it forth. Many times have I tried; but in vain." He did not speak thus. Believing that the Lord attended the effort of him who gave the command, looking to him for strength to obey, he lifted his hand—his arm was stretched abroad and restored whole, like unto the other. Power to obey was imparted; but not to an unwilling subject. In Christ was the power: he who was healed was the instrument. He could not heal himself. Christ could not heal him, without his self-render to Christ's plan.

Thus Christ comes to men, "dead in trespasses and in sins," and he says, "Arise from the dead, and I will give thee life." Knows he in this case, just as in the case of the man with the withered hand, that they are unable to obey, but looking to Jesus for strength to obey, the dead bear his voice and come forth. Our antecedent sins, and the free the last step of our depravity. On heavenly thrones we sit supreme. And read the measure of our faith." A word about conducting our General Association. We refer to the night meetings, and we would have no business meeting at night. There is time enough to do it, if it is properly economized and used, to discuss every subject claiming the attention of the body. And if it should be known that the body was going to consider only merely points of order and dry statistical details, but subjects of vital importance, and those that concern all lovers of the Lord, many persons would attend the day meetings, who otherwise would wait for the night meetings.

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THE BAPTIST WORLD.

Walnut Street—In the morning Rev. O. F. Depner preached at Rev. Mr. Chapman's night.

Brooklyn—Pastor preached in the morning. Rev. O. F. Gregory preached at night, which the ordinance of baptism was administered.

Chattanooga—Rev. G. O. Smith preached at the night service.

Twenty-second and Walnut—Rev. Messrs. Mervin and J. J. Taylor, both students of the Seminary, preached.

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MINOR EDITORIALS. The use of Civil Service rules in the selection of employees of Insane Asylums was recommended at a recent national conference.

Gen. Grant, in addition to his other troubles, is suffering now from rheumatism. He will get out of New York soon as possible.

News in General.

EXPT. The Exposition management has allotted one third of the space in the building. The masonry work on the Grand Island bridge has been completed.

DEATHS. Frank Thomas got the medal for the speaking in Ogden College, Bowling Green. The Chamberlain College, Lexington, received the highest honors of the Illinois State Board.

GENERAL. News of the national election at Washington. The President has received a satisfactory talk with a cabinet member in a month.

MARKETS. CATTLE-Fresh receipts 70 and what was left over 60 based on sales; daily 100-120 of this number and some cattle, which was very dry.

QUOTATIONS. Outside-Shipping 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2. Oats, 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4. Corn, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2. Light Hooters, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4.

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