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*"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people."
"There is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."*

A DARK CLOUD AND ITS SILVER LINING.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

In the Minister's morning sermon, he told of the primal fall,
And how, henceforth the wrath of God rested on each and all;

And how, of His will and pleasure, all souls, save a chosen few,
Were doomed to eternal torture, and held in the way thereto.

Yet never, by Faith's unreason, a saintlier soul was tried,
And never the harsh old lesson a tenderer heart belied.

And after the painful service, on that pleasant, bright first day,
He walked with his little daughter thro' the apple bloom of May.

Sweet in the fresh green meadow sparrow and blackbird sung;
Above him its tinted petals the blossoming orchard hung.

Around, on the wonderful glory, the minister looked and smiled:
"How good is the Lord, who gives us these gifts from His hand, my child.

"Behold in the bloom of apples, and the violets in the sward,
A hint of the old lost beauty of the garden of the Lord."

Then upspoke the little maiden, treading on snow and pink,
"O father! these pretty blossoms are very wicked I think.

"Had there been no Garden of Eden, there never had been a fall;
And if never a tree had blossomed, God would have loved us all."

"Hush, child!" the father answered, "By His decree man fell;
His ways are in clouds and darkness, but He doeth all things well.

against him by scoffers, and supported not only by the Creeds of Christendom, but seemingly also by some dark-looking passages in the Bible.

But we can only give you a mere hint of the blessing and encouragement now obtainable by those who hunger and thirst after righteousness—truth, etc. The light has come through studying the Bible and God's plan *dispensationally*—recognizing the various ages as connected in one great, good, loving plan which God had purposed in himself before the creation of our race, which *began* to be accomplished when Christ our Lord died for our sins, and which is to be fully accomplished by Christ and his Church glorified, during an age just dawning, whose light is even now waking up the world. The key to the understanding of God's gracious plan has long lain hidden in six words in our text—“*a ransom for all,*” and the assurance that this favor for all shall reach them in God's “*due time.*”

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—C. T. Smith. ("B. Arp.")

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