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sent for, who reeivef from the king the same offers of presents and honors, that had bee explain the writing. Daniel piously decline explain rewards offered bim, but readily assent read and explain the misterious writing. To
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this message from God, he aniuadverts upe
his past life, and reporoves him with grea plainoess for his base ingratitude to God, for his profanation of the vessels of the Holy
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chen proceed to the interpretation of the itiog, which is this: Mene, Thel, Upharsin. Each word standing for a sentanee; Mene, sign Ses numbered, intimating
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| king, yet that part selected for our presentmeditation and entertainment, should be viewed as of universal interest and importance |  |  |
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| It must be of eminent service to everystuden in divine philosophy ; |  |  |
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| of his palace containing the declaration of hisdeficieney in moral worth, and announcing his fearful doom, was written by God's immediate agency and in connection with the ad |  |  |
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| diate agency and in connection with the administration of his moral government. It is manifest therefore from the manner, and the |  |  |
| connection in which the term balances was used by the moral governor of the world, inhis address to Belshazzar, that he must have uscd it in the sense of a moral test. |  |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { lis address to Belshazzar, that be must have } \\ & \text { used it in the sense of a moral test. } \\ & \text { 2. The term is used in the same scnse in ether } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
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| prssiges. Said Job, Let me be weigined in an even balanee, or more literally. "Let God weigh me in the balances of justice, that |  |  |
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| purity of his heait, and the righteousness ofhis life, tested by an uncring standard of mo- |  |  |
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| scions, that when so test od he shouid not be found wanting. The Hebrew monarch, whensurveying the moral character of wany around |  |  |
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| him said, "surely taen of low degree are van- |  |  |
| laid in the balanee, they are altogether lighter than vanity." In this dcelaration, the two ranks of then named, are represented as van- |  |  |
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| ity, so that when put together in one scale, and tios law of God, the test of all moral ex- |  |  |
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| eellence in the opposite, they would kiek the beam. |  |  |
| 3. The 'balancrs', being uscd' as oninfallible test of moral worth, emblematically has placel our tcorld. |  |  |
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| moral agency. As there can be no rational goveratucnt without a revealed law, the law of God mnst be coeval, in its revelation, with |  |  |
| his government, and it must be in its principles coeval with Jehovah himself, as it is a transeript of the divine nature-the brightest |  |  |
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| law are essentially the same; and are thus expressed by the Christian lawgiver: "Thou |  |  |
| shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy weart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thy- |  |  |
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| self." One of these first great principles being founded upon the natural relation of all |  |  |
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| rational ereatures to each other, and the otheron their natural relation to God, the law embodied in them must be universal, and, being |  |  |
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| the general one. The decalogue, engraven by the fingor of God upon tables of stone, |  |  |
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| intermediate depend on them., <br> The divine law is absolutely perfect, no im |  |  |
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| sanctions would be powerless, consequently imperfect. The sanctions with which the divinc law is clothed are most alarming to the |  |  |




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| pieces which they sang, I send the followiag <br> or publication :- |  |  |
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| the pastor's benefit. <br> Thou God of merey, light, and love, Look from thy holy throne above, And tune our hearts to praise. |  |  |
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| Bestow thy blessing on us here, <br> And let us feel thy presence near, As we our voices raise. |  |  |
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| We bring with these our wishes true That Heaven's best gifts may rest on you, With all on earth you love ; And may our love, thus feebly shown, Till we shall around us thrown Till we shall meet above. |  |  |
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| O may thy labors here be blest ; May we accept the promised rest And souls to thee be given: Till we shall all our pastor greet In that bright world where saints shall meet And swell the songs of heaven. |  |  |
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| EDITOR'S TABLE. |  |  |
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| age of the Illinois Conference of the Meth odist Episcopal Chureh, is located at Lelamon, Ill. |  |  |
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| mon of Rev. Mr. Gurley, Chaplain of the House. |  |  |
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| We shall preserve this copy of the solemn funeral services of our departed friend, as a cherished memorial. |  |  |
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