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“They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD, in a perpetual covenant, that shall not be forgotten.” Jer. 50: 5.

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TABLE ADDRESSES.

I.

THE CHURCH A QUIET HABITATION.

BY REV. D. S. FARIS.

ISAIAH 33 : 20. "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down."

1. THE prophet aims to comfort believers, weary of wars and fightings, with the bright prospect of coming peace.

2. In the world we have tribulation through inward corruption, the temptations of Satan and the revilings and persecutions of the wicked.

3. The believer desires peace in the church for his own sake, for the sake of his friends and brethren, and for the house of God the Lord.

4. The church is and ought to be peaceable, because her children are the disciples of the meek and lowly Jesus, they have in their hearts the peace that passeth all understanding, and their object is to make peace by reconciling sinners to God.

5. It is our duty to cultivate peace, by subduing our own passions, by living peaceably with all men, but especially by pursuing that course which will secure peace and friendship in the church.

6. We ought to do so because it is the end of our

calling, because of the mutual interest of brethren, but above all because of the mutual pledges of friendship now given in such a solemn manner before the world.

By so doing we can lay hold of the promise, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

II.

JEHOVAH-JIREH.

BY REV. J. W. SPROULL.

GEN. 22 : 14. "And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh."

THIS chapter contains the account of one of the severest trials to which a believer was ever subjected, and one of the sublimest triumphs of faith, if not the very sublimest, recorded anywhere of a mere man. In the fourteenth verse we are told what were the feelings with which the principal actor regarded the whole transaction after it was past, and what was the impression made by it on the inhabitants of the country in which it occurred. Thankful to God for his great kindness in saving his beloved son from the sacrificial altar and providing another victim, and desirous that the remembrance of what had been done should be perpetuated to future generations, "Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh," the Lord will provide. The name given to the mount became proverbial for the