followed them: which Rock was Christ."
They were baptized the same as we have
been, but they did not receive the faith of
the Gospel fully in their hearts; they did
not profit by the word preached, therefore, God added the law as a schoolmas-
ter, to bring them to the right way. He
added the law of carnal commandments
because they would not receive the full-
ness of the greater law in faith. When
Jesus came, He restored the Gospel; but
there had been millions and millions of
people among the Jewish nation alone,
from the days of Moses to those of Jesus,
who had not been "born of water and of
the Spirit." They termed nations outside
the Jewish nation the heathen, and none
of them for hundreds of years had obeyed
the Gospel—had received ordinances by
which they could be born of water and
of the Spirit. So in regard to the peo-
ple from the days since the ancient Apos-
tles were put to death, who had author-
ity from God, who were sent forth to min-
ister in His name, to preach the Gospel
to all people, and baptize them in the
name of the Father and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost; and to teach them all
things whatsoever he had commanded
them. From their day to the time in
which we live, thousands and millions of
people have passed away without receiv-
ing or obeying the Gospel of the Son of
God. According to the doctrines of men,
because they did not hear it, they will
be condemned forever. The heathen na-
tions for ages past have not even heard
the doctrines of men professing to be
Christian. They worship idols; they wor-
ship beasts; they worship the heavenly
bodies, etc. Many millions of them are
outside the pale of Christendom. What
is to become of them? "Verily, verily,
I say unto you, except ye are born of wa-
ter and of the Spirit, ye cannot enter into
the kingdom of God." So says the Savior;
and there is no other name given under
heaven whereby man can be saved than
the name of Christ Jesus; and yet there
are millions and millions of people who
have passed away from the earth never
having heard the name of Jesus Christ.
A great many millions more have died
without a knowledge of the true Gospel.
And what is to become of them all? Ac-
cording to the doctrines of modern Chris-
tendom, they are all destroyed, they are
all damned. That is a horrible thing to
think of.

There is considerable controversy go-
ing on in the Christian world today, not
only in reference to the plenary inspira-
tion of the Bible, but in regard to
probation. There is a discussion in
progress now in regard to what is called
"probation after death." The question is
whether there is a probation after peo-
ple leave this world, or is it confined to
the sphere in which we now move. Some
of the ministers are beginning to think
that there must be a chance for souls af-
ter they leave the earth to learn the way
of life and salvation, but the great major-
ity of modern divines, representing pop-
ular religious opinions, believe that this
is the only state of probation; that when
death overtakes a man, that is the end of
his opportunities for salvation. Accor-
ding to that rule all those millions of peo-
ple who have died without hearing the
name of Jesus Christ have gone to hell.

There are different ideas about hell
nowadays. A few years ago there was
only the one idea, which was that hell is
a great, bottomless pit full of flaming fire
and brimstone, into which the wicked
are cast never to return, whilst the