

## P R E F A C E .

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This debate was arranged for by the request of the Baptists of Zion, Kentucky, and the following committee had charge of preliminary arrangements:

BAPTISTS : { A. S. SMITH, L. A. CONAWAY, I. A. BENNETT, G. A. TRADER, AND J. C. CRAWLEY, ALL OF ZION, KY.

CHRISTADELPHIANS: { W. J. GREEN, R. C. GREEN, S. GREGORY, JAMES S. WHITE AND J. H. GREGORY, ALL OF SPOTTSVILLE, KY.

The Committee agreed that

- 1.—The discussion shall begin on the 1st Monday in August 1898, and consist of twelve sessions of two hours each, each question to have one hour each for opening and reply and then alternate half hour speeches to the close.
- 2.—The debate to be governed by the rules of Hedge's Logic.
- 3.—That the Socratic method of direct questions and answers for fifteen minutes of the last half-hour of each session may be employed by the speakers.
- 4.—That the discussion may be published if suitable arrangements can be made.

Signed by the chairman of each committee and by the debators.

A. L. SMITH, Chairman Baptist Committee.

J. N. HALL.

W. J. GREEN, Christadelphian Committee.

THOMAS WILLIAMS.

Mr. A. L. Smith was chosen moderator for Mr. Hall, and Mr. R. C. Green for Mr. Williams, and Mr. Henry Overby kindly occupied the chair the first and second days, and Mr. T. A. Conaway, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, during the rest of the time.

# THE HALL-WILLIAMS DEBATE

—ON—

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,  
THE STATE OF THE DEAD,  
RESURRECTION AND THE  
PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED.

*Held at Zion, Ky., commencing Monday, August 1st, 1898,  
and continuing six days, two sessions of two hours  
each on each day.*

—BETWEEN—

**J. N. HALL, Fulton, Ky.,**

*Editor of the Baptist Flag,*

AND **THOS. WILLIAMS, Chicago, Ill.,**

*Editor of the Christadelphian Advocate.*

REPORTED BY **E. A. ALLEN, of Chicago.**

## PROPOSITIONS.

- 1st.—“The Scriptures teach that the Kingdom of Heaven was set up during the personal ministry of Christ.”  
MR. HALL affirms. MR. WILLIAMS denies.
- 2nd.—“The Scriptures teach that all that constitutes man will be totally unconscious from the time of death till the resurrection.”  
MR. WILLIAMS affirms. MR. HALL denies.
- 3rd.—“The Scriptures teach that there will be a general resurrection from the dead of all mankind who die.”  
MR. HALL affirms. MR. WILLIAMS denies.
- 4th.—“The Scriptures teach that the final punishment of the wicked will consist in the total extinction of their being.”  
MR. WILLIAMS affirms. MR. HALL denies.

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## PREFACE.

The Baptists and Mr. Hall having declined to take part in the publication, the Christadelphians and Mr. Williams do the work and bear the expense, giving Mr. Hall the opportunity to read and prepare his side for the printer.

Both disputants being rapid speakers, and Mr. Hall anticipating the impossibility of a reporter keeping up with him, an expert stenographer, Miss E. A. Allen, of Chicago, was engaged by the Christadelphians to ensure a correct report. Miss Allen had travelled in Europe and America reporting for Mr. H. L. Hastings, of Boston, the famous anti-infidel lecturer, and Mr. Williams had tested her skill by having her report one of his lectures in Chicago. Her report of this debate was most thorough, and as nearly perfect as any report could be.

The debate was held in a grove at Zion, Ky., and the average attendance was two thousand people. Desiring that a still larger audience may read it, we send it out in this form.

By a strange coincidence, arrangements were made at Creal Springs, Ill., for a five days debate between Mr. Hall and Mr. Williams, to take place the week following this one at Zion. The Christadelphians had the same stenographer report the Creal Springs Debate also, and they hope to be able to publish those parts of it not included in the Zion debate—the parts dealing more particularly with the peculiarities of the Baptists. By this explanation, the reader will better understand reference herein to “The Creal Springs Debate.”

In the hope that the Truth will be served by this publication, and that many who heard and many more who may read this debate may believe and obey the gospel and its requirements, and thereby obtain an abundant entrance into the coming kingdom of God, the truth concerning which I have herein endeavored to defend, I am,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. WILLIAMS.