

THE REST OF THE DEAD.

DEAR BROTHER RUSSELL: – I have read with great interest Mr. Brewer's letter to you and your reply, on the resurrection of "the rest of the dead," published in ZION'S WATCH TOWER for March '89.

I have given the subject deep thought and cannot help concluding that to any logical mind it should be clear that the passage in question was a comment or note made by a reader, and was not in the original text. I give you my thoughts as they came to me while studying the subject: Christ is Lord both of the dead and of the living (Rom. 14:9), hence, I conclude that the second resurrection will be *his* work and will take place during his Millennial reign, *i.e.*, the first resurrection will be that of the saints immediately at Christ's coming, and the second that of the "rest of the dead;" because to restore, or raise up, or give life will be his special work during his reign.

From the study of the Lord's Word I conclude that his work would not be complete, if the "rest of the dead" were raised up *after* the thousand years, for *then* Christ will deliver up the kingdom to his Father perfect in every respect. – 1 Cor. 15:24 and following verses.

Peter says in Acts 3:20,21: "Restitution of *all* things." This implies a restoration of all things both *dead* and *living* to their original condition or state of perfection lost by Adam's transgression, and if such is not the case the Apostle Paul's statement in Rom. 14:9 has no meaning. We cannot for a moment suppose that Christ would deliver up the kingdom to his Father in an incomplete condition, and it certainly would be so, if he did not awaken all and give *all* the opportunity to be fully raised up out of death; and it would be contrary to his own words in John 5:27-29 and 11:25; and to Paul's words in 1 Cor. 15:21,22. – Diaglott. Yours in the service of Jesus,

W. C_____.

[We think the above reasoning sound and Scriptural. –
EDITOR.]

