

social and relative duty to the glory of God, and the welfare and happiness of each other, remembering the account we are soon to give.

The experience of every year shews us the great uncertainty of life and all the world can give. Many of us have been called to mourn the loss of some one dear to our hearts. We have not had it all sunshine in the past, and we must not expect it to be unclouded in the future. Who are marked out for the call to Eternity in the present year, neither you nor I, nor angel nor archangel can tell. Let us all then awake from the slumber of sin and carelessness, let us watch and be sober—the night is far spent and the day is at hand, and now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The present moment flies
And bears our life away,
Lord make thy servants truly wise,
That they may live to-day.
Since on this winged hour,
Eternity is hung,
Awaken, by thy mighty pow'r,
The aged and the young.

And now my dear people, young and old, of all sorts and conditions, accept the best wishes, for your present and eternal welfare, of

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. C. COCHRAN.

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