

And, as we think of the multitudes of faithful and zealous servants of Christ, in days gone by, who were thus interrupted in their important labours—cut down in the mid-time of their days—taken away from the work they had in hand, while seeking to promote the glory of God and the good of their fellow-men!—When death is thus seen to remove the great and good from this scene of things, how readily do we accept the verdict of the text which pronounces it to be *an enemy*!

Such, in a few of its aspects, is the view which, with reference to the visible elements of the question, we are warranted in taking of Death, as described in the text. And, without anticipating what belongs to the succeeding announcement it makes, we would here point to two features which diversify the judgment thus pronounced respecting it. The one casts a deeper shadow over that enmity. The other gilds the cloud with the radiance of a reflected glory from beyond the grave.

The darkest aspect of death is not its severance of earthly ties, nor its interruption of unfinished work. It is not so much Death the destroyer of life in the human body, as it is Death the messenger of God to the