

yet no wisdom possessed by man could save them from decay and ruin. They have changed their boundaries, fallen into ruin, and others now standing on their ruins will, however mighty, soon bow in submission to the law which laid all others low and be numbered among the things which were. The world itself is growing old, and time is speedily filling up the remaining cycles of its existence, and all things are rapidly tending to the time when the "heavens shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Time too shall change, come to an end, and be known no more to man forever. Amidst all the changes which take place on this rolling ball we inhabit, and which may be taking place among the bright orbs which move in their ceaseless rounds in space, one thing remains unchanged and unchangeable. "The rock of ages, the word of the Lord endures forever." When all things earthly shall have passed away and man's glory faded into forgetfulness, and time shall have ended his course, the word of the Lord will be found a rock unshaken by all the convulsions through which nature may have passed. How pleasing the thought, that the christian though perplexed with the ever changing nature of earthly things, and though undergoing himself a continual change, mentally, morally, and physically, may at the same time that he is thus perplexed in mind, stand by faith on this rock, and triumphantly rejoice whilst beholding all things crumbling into their native elements, knowing that though his earthly tabernacle dissolve, he has "a more enduring substance." How transporting to know that when freed from encumbering clay the true christian being changed "from glory to glory," possessing a glorified body, shall wear a crown of life which shall never tarnish, its glory never dim, but give a pleasure which will never end—lasting as eternity itself, remain the wonder and joy of the enraptured recipient. By comparing the transitory seen things with the everlasting unseen and glorious things treasured up in that bright realm where the Lord dwells amidst the perfection of eternal infinite beauty, we see good reason to walk by faith in the exceeding great promises of the Lord. Truly we have no reason to regret that the things of time shall change. By this decree earth may pass away, but by it too the saints are relieved from their warfare and placed beyond the oppressive hand of the tyrant, who with chains, prisons, fire and sword, would torment them night and day. By this law old things are exchanged for the new, the present dark moment for one future and effulgent. Sorrow, tears, and toil, replaced by peace, honor, and gladness. Things corrup-