

SERMON.

1. CORINTHIANS, XV., 26.

“THE LAST ENEMY THAT SHALL BE DESTROYED IS DEATH.”

The chapter in which these words occur is one of the grandest in its subject, and the most important and impressive in its statements, in the entire authorship of the Apostle Paul. There are here presented in clear and conclusive argument, and in their mutual relation to each other, some of the noblest truths of Christianity. Of the truths thus grouped together in instructive combination, we select one as the subject of the present discourse, that from the consideration of it we may draw some appropriate lessons suitable to the circumstances in which I am, this day, called to address you. May we catch the spirit, while we endeavour to illustrate the meaning of the Apostle's great announcement, that Death, the last enemy, shall be destroyed.

When we speak of Death as an *enemy* we utter a sentiment which finds a ready echo in every breast. We have but to think of what Death accomplishes when it enters the