

of God ; to show your parentage as you pass through the world.

The leaves were for the healing of the nations : the droppings from the tree of life ; but its fruits for the redeemed on high. The church is thus the vessel of divine grace towards the renewed earth, while it needs the healing grace of heaven ; when the Sun of righteousness arises with healing in His wings.

“ There shall be no more curse, for the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.” How poor our service now ! Questioned perhaps by those you seek to serve—questioned by the world. Here is a scene where His servants shall serve Him ; a scene of the happy rest of activity and service to Him who was a toil-worn, weary Man—the missionary of God’s love to earth in days gone by.

“ There shall be no night there,” no darkness ; and hence no need of borrowed light. I may have more than you, you may have more than I ; and what light we have is often borrowed light. Here “ the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.” To serve and wait is their occupation now ; there, to serve and reign for ever.

May we have the power of this scene working more deeply by His grace in our hearts. May we be able to put aside, to drop every burden that we cannot carry into that scene of endless joy. Test your hearts, beloved brethren. Have you anything in them, any unnecessary burdens that you cannot bring in with you there ? If so, they are checks to your progress. Much better to throw them aside, that you may run the course with vigour that ends there ! Amen.