

Old and New Testament, perhaps expresses as well as anything can the bareness and nakedness of the truth about each individual soul which will be then revealed to God, to itself, and to the universe."

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "In one sense the day of judgment is always going on, for no one can be severed from the agent, nor the consequences from the action." *What I do is myself, and the consequences of what I do are inalienable from me.*

We live our lives here in comparative seclusion and what we do day by day seems of no importance to those outside of our own circle, and yet some of us may live long enough to see the good or evil of what we are doing now make itself felt in other parts of the world. Yet although we do not always see the fruit of our actions, we see it often enough to keep the idea before our minds.

We can no more escape the consequences of our actions than we can help casting shadows, though sometimes the shadow lies beneath our feet, and sometimes is projected so far away that we have some difficulty in recognizing it as ours. But when we speak of the Judgment Day, we mean the complete, the absolute, the immediate fulfilment of a law which has been in operation ever since human society began, and which stern as it may appear is the only thing which makes human life explicable and the silence of God intelligible. For after all the SILENCE of God is as terrible as His speech.

There is help for us in the sacramental gifts of Christ: in the Comforter, the Holy Spirit of God sent to teach and lead us; in the practical duty of self-examination; keeping our account; at night, on Saturdays, from Festival to Festival,—a time will come, we may be sure, when five or ten minutes spent in this way will be worth more to us than all the hours we have spent on some of the many accomplishments, acquisitions and pleasures we are so eager after now.

If we are to fit ourselves for ascending with Christ it must be by "walking with God" here, and by constant preparation for our Master's second coming.

"And when we come to die we shall not find
The day has been too long for any of us
To have fulfilled the perfect Law of Christ.
Who is there that can say 'My part is done
In this; now I am ready for a law
More wide, more perfect for the rest of life?'
Is any living that has not come short?
Has any died that was not short at last?

Whensoever it comes—

That summons that we look for—it will seem
Soon, yea, too soon! Let us take heed in time!
That God may now be glorified in us!"