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These, my brethren, are truths which our own experience, as well as the Scriptures of God, force upon us; surely, then, we shall not be content with their mere recital, or subscribe to them as authentic and undoubted, without allowing a practical influence from them upon our minds and hearts. And the Apostle happily instructs us in the practical inferences we are to draw from the picture of life's brevity which he so forcibly sets before us. But let me adduce his own words:—"Brethren, the time is short; it remaineth (therefore) that both they that have wives be as though they had none; and they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away."

These are words, it becomes us to recollect, which were spoken during the days of the Church's persecution; when, in addition to the natural shortness and uncertainty of life, its precariousness was fearfully increased by the prevailing hatred of the name of Jesus, and the hunting of his followers even unto death. It was, certainly, not then a time to cling too fondly to