

ous phraseology, and juggling with philosophic terms, to pass for an extract from some crude article on the so-called opposition of science to Religion. Yet by such chaff as this eyes were blinded in the past, as in our day, and many came to believe that the whole drama of human life, and of the soul's existence, was acted out in one fleeting episode. They forgot the "day of the Lord" is to come, when all sham shall be exposed, the inner "filthiness" of the "whited sepulchres" laid bare, and God's ways and dealings with our race justified. Our Lord describes how all this shall be done,—“And when the Son of man shall come in His Majesty, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the seat of His Majesty: and all nations shall be gathered together before Him, and He shall separate them, one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats.”—(Math. XXV, 31, 32). The separation of good from bad is made. On one side shall stand those who have kept the word of God in Faith and works; on the other the wilfully sinful. To each side a sentence shall be addressed by the Son of man sitting “upon the seat of His Majesty.” To those on the right He shall say—“Come ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” To those on the left—“Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels.” To each and all of us, one or the other, of these sentences shall be addressed: and it will be irrevocable. No appeal, no hope of revision: the mercy of God superabounds during life: a ready pardon is accorded to the repentant; the blackest guilt is forgiven, and the foulest soul cleansed, when the sinner turns to God with an humble and contrite heart, and makes use of the means instituted for his sanctification. But with death the hour of mercy ends: