

*Lucy.*—"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—How strange it appears that mortals, with such assurances as this set before them of a judgment to come, should still trifle, as too many do, with their own eternal safety, and seem to think any pursuit or interest, however small, that is connected with their worldly prosperity, of more importance than a preparation for such an awful period, which is sure to come to all, sooner or later,—every human soul must stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Now read the last verse of the same chapter, *Elizabeth*.

*Elizabeth.*—"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—We must now conclude your lesson for to-day, my dear children, and I think I cannot close it in a more appropriate manner than in the words of St. Peter in the chapter you were reading just now. Look for it, *Catherine*, and read the eleventh verse.

*Catherine.*—"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"