

prayer will fall from every lip. To lead you, by the divine influence, to attain this blessed consummation, is my most anxious desire, and that you should honour God, in your life, and glorify him in your death, that you may be His for ever, is my most earnest petition. But how can you expect thus to live and thus to die, if you continue in the ways of the world, and devote not yourselves entirely to Him. Our blessed LORD has told you wherein your duty consists, and if you render not to Him the homage of the heart, as well as of the lip; if you think to please him with a divided soul, mammon possessing one portion, and God having the offer of the other, you only deceive yourselves, the truth is not in you.

Let me, therefore, earnestly entreat you to employ the opportunities which you possess to greater advantage than hitherto—pray for the gracious influence of the HOLY SPIRIT to impress your hearts with a proper sense of your condition as sinners, and your need of forgiveness through CHRIST, and to lead you to Him, who is alone the way and the life, that everlasting glory may be yours. Thus, and thus only, can you enjoy real happiness in life, be in readiness for death, and exult in the prospect of never ending bliss in the mansions of your Father.

Widely different are the concluding scenes of the two classes, when reason continuing permits reflection, or protracted sickness affords opportunity of referring to the past.

But should the former privilege be denied, should the advantage of the latter be withheld, how awful is the fate of those who “fall into the hands of the living God!” how appalling to the mind the idea of rushing into His dread presence without one moment’s preparation, without one thought of eternity! The eloquence of man cannot depict the horrors which arise in the guilty soul, when it thus considers the possibility of a sudden removal. They are felt, they cannot be