

quite incompetent to speak about what will be the *em.?* of sin. The words of Jesus Christ respecting the men who will not be redeemed, seem to me to be the most piercing in their pity and the most appalling in their warning which the world ever heard. So far as I can see, it is not so much that the Lord punishes as that evil punishes itself. Hell is a condition rather than a place. Men and devils who will not be ruled by the divine goodness make the hell they profess to hate. Ah, if we would measure the calamity that hangs over a sinning man, let us do so by the Incarnation, the tears, the pleadings, and the cross of Jesus Christ, and we shall admit that we have no measure of the extent of that calamity. Let us behold a man, who had been immediately taught by Jesus Christ, labouring in a Gentile city "three years," "day and night," warning "every one," "from house to house," and "with tears," and we shall have some idea of the awfulness of the catastrophe which impends over unsaved men. These facts cannot be explained away. The punishments that sin brings in this world by its own inflexible law are harrowing and heart-breaking. Have we not a hint in these horrors of what devilism will bring a man to in the great hereafter? It may be that the education of a spirit does not cease with this life. About this no man *knows* anything. But