

He turned to see from whence the voice proceeded, and saw seven golden candlesticks ; and, in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of Man, in sacerdotal habiliments, with the appearance of venerable majesty ; with eyes of penetrating wisdom, and with the symbol of purity in his providential arrangements. He heard a strong and sonorous voice, and beheld its symbol, a sharp two-edged sword, proceeding out of his mouth. In his right hand he held seven stars. His countenance, as he had seen it in the holy mount, shone as the sun in his strength. In short, his whole appearance was that of Majesty and Deity. The Apostle had no occasion to ask, " Who art thou Lord ? " But, recognising him as the glorified Redeemer, he fell at his feet as dead. Thus, when Daniel, a man greatly beloved, was meditating on the state of the Jewish Church, and praying for its prosperity, he had remarkable manifestations and revelations : and thus, also, it is seen, had the beloved disciple John. And the more *we* feel for the church, consider and meditate on her interests, and pray and labor for her prosperity, the more shall we be encouraged by seeing God's movements in her favor.

We should, on the Lord's day at least, be in the spirit of devotion ; and be engaged in making supplication to him in the assemblies of his saints, if providentially permitted : and if circumstances do not admit of our engaging in public worship, we should, on that day especially, be engaged in private exercises of a spiritual character. If we do so, we