

for the reclamation of reclaimable ones. Generations may be lost ere this process takes due effect, as was the case with Israel of the captivity.

Yet notwithstanding terrible hardenings, and ruinous reactions from the good, the church of Christ on earth will continue to make progress until He Himself come. Even the reactions from the good will be overruled for the spiritual benefit of the church as a whole, though many may be drowned in these reactionary waves. The gates of hell will claim many souls, but will not finally triumph over the kingdom of heaven on earth. I have not considered the kingdom of darkness as exhibited in literature. This will fall to be considered in the next volume to be published of the present series.