

on Zion's hill, and the voice of the universal Church shall be heard, "as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,"—"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. v. 12 : vii. 9 : xix. 6). Brethren, shall we be there? Shall we join in that song? Shall we take part in the triumph of the glorified, and dwell with them in the presence of the Lord for ever?

"For ever with the Lord"—

Amen : so let it be !

Life from the dead is in that word,

'Tis immortality.

Here in the body pent

Absent from him I roam,

Yet nightly pitch my moving tent

A day's march nearer home."

Yes—"nearer home": for "our citizenship [conversation] is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. iii. 20, 21). Then—"we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John iii. 3). Having this hope, what manner of persons ought we to be, in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Pet. iii. 11) !

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 24, 25).