

shall gladly embrace, of declaring to you the counsel of the Lord and otherwise promoting your spiritual interests. Should this be denied, it is yet a settled verity in our subsequent history that we shall meet. In that narrow, gloomy house to which we are all fast hastening, where the rich and the poor meet together, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, where all distinctions are annulled and all differences forgotten, where the dust of the crowned head mingles with the scattered remains of the untitled peasant,—there we shall meet. It will be an unconscious meeting. But yet again shall we meet; before the great white throne, the judgment seat of Christ. The Gospel net is dragging us together, alas! too insensibly, to the shore of the eternal world, on which, by an unerring discrimination, the good shall be forever separated from the bad. In view of that solemn meeting, which dwarfs into insignificance all other events of our history, my brethren, let us daily live; for it let us diligently prepare. Let us cling to the rock of salvation. Let us adhere to the standard of the Prince of Peace, who, though his bodily presence is withdrawn from the church, is mindful still of his people's interests, and engaged in forwarding them, as he said to his disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."