

all who may have been addicted to this ensnaring vice, that they may remember the Saviour's words, "Take heed lest *at any time* your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and *drunkenness* and so THAT DAY come upon you unawares. But I must close.

Before doing so, let me congratulate you on the two years of holy privileges which we have enjoyed in Trinity. I hope we often feel that "it is none other than the House of God and the Gate of Heaven." My list of the departed, which I have just read over, brings to my memory not a few of whom I can truly believe that they have passed from death unto life, exchanged their worship here for that highest of all worship above, and are now entered into their rest. Some of those dear ones were helpers in my Sunday School. At their bedsides I was permitted often to cheer their souls with the comforts of the Gospel, and point them to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Others passed too quickly away for that, but not too quickly, we hope, to hinder their being carried by angels into the Paradise of God. The large number of forty were such as those whom Christ "took up in His arms and blessed, and pronounced them fit for His kingdom in Heaven." We are quite sure about these. Let no voice of lamentation be heard as in Rama of old, "Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted because they are not," for they *are* safe in that fold of Christ's tender lambs which no destroyer can enter. Among the number were two, who, had they lived, would have called me their father's father. But the Father of us all has claimed them for His own:

They are gone to the grave, but we will not deplore them,
 Their God was their ransom, their guardian, and guide,
 He gave them, He took them, and He will restore them,
 And Death has no sting, for the Saviour has died!

But though many who entered our present church with us in December, 1866, are missing from it to-day, I am thankful that so many find it still good to be there. "The poor and the stranger" may claim this beautiful house as theirs. The only heavy thought about it is the large debt upon the building, which I am sure you would gladly wipe off if you were able.