

with the judge before the door, they will live as under the impression of the coming of Christ at any hour, in any moment; they will be listening for the sound of His footsteps, that when He knocketh, they may open the door to Him immediately, and the language of their hearts may be, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen."

And may not the children of God comfort and animate themselves amidst the sorrows of the brute creation, the vanity that they track over the face of the earth on every hand, the sad confusions and convulsions that shake this poor, perturbed, tumultuous, chequered, changeful state of things—may they not take to themselves the rich and blessed consolation that the Scriptures of truth supply, when they are told that it shall not always be so? Corruption shall not always enslave; vanity shall not always wither and waste; Satan shall not always "run to and fro," scattering sin and death. But the glorious Deliverer shall come; and the time is not far off, when He shall deliver the whole creation out of the "bondage of corruption" into the "glorious liberty of the children of God." At that glorious change, there shall be no more suffering, and death shall be no more, and sorrow shall be no more; no groan shall ever be heard, no tear shall ever be shed, no pang shall ever be felt; but all shall be harmony, and light, and life, and love and glory. God shall dwell in the midst of His people, and the "new heavens and the new earth," will be worthy of their renovated inhabitants, meet for the sons of God, and meet for the presence of the Lamb, in the midst of the throne.

Beloved brethren, and ought not such bright anticipations to strengthen us in "fighting the good fight of faith," to sustain us in watching and working, till our Master come?—not fearing with the fear of the unbelieving, not sorrowing as

others without hope, not driven to our wits' end, as those that do not remember that—as in that wondrous vision of the prophet, which we had uttered this evening in our ears—the whirlwind, the earthquake, and the fire pass by, and usher in the "still small voice" of a present God, in His grace and in His peace. I say, they are not to fear and sorrow, as those that do not remember, and do not believe and know, that after the judgments that are coming to try Christendom, and desolate the earth, there shall be the blessed presence of Him who said of old, when His people knew Him not, and cried out in their ignorance and fear, as He walked on the waves of the Sea of Galilee—"It is I, be not afraid."

Brethren, in that simple, blessed, and useful work of love, to which we invite you this night to lend more of your hearts, more of your succour, and more of your generosity, we may be well animated to think, that we are "fellow workers with God," fellow helpers toward the great consummation,—“preparing the way of the Lord,” hastening, so far as human agency can do it, the consummation of bliss, both of the saints and of creation itself.

The Newfoundland and British North America School Society is not a stranger among you. It has for many years pursued its simple, unostentatious, but most beneficial course; it has never deserted the principles on which it set out—that a Christian education must be an education in the knowledge of Christ, as taught in His simple, unadulterated, un-mutilated Word—that those who teach "His lambs" in that Word, should themselves be first taught of His Spirit, and should be "epistles of Christ, known and read of all men," that they may be warranted in saying, therefore, to the lambs of the flock, "follow us, as we follow Christ." And God has so enabled