

crastinate, depending on some undefined period, until death arrives, and are found without God and without hope. To the dying sinner, in the final agony, you will be summoned to do your duty.

Then there are the difficulties of leading those who are in *grace*. Such are often warped by erroneous dogmas, urged with plausible eloquence and ingenious sophistry. Unstable souls will thus drift away, and be borne down on the reefs of danger. You will have to acquire skill to pilot, and anchor them safely in the GREAT ATONEMENT. The cases that you will have to grapple with will be numerous—old and young; saved and unsaved; the ignorant; the conceited; the weak and the strong. What a variety of *phases* will your hearers present, to whom you may give *portions* in due season. Your message will require to resemble those clever portraits in a room, the eyes of which being so expressive, look in the face of every person present.

And, Oh! ponder, my dear young Brethren, on the solemn and tremendous responsibility resting on you, each time you officiate. You stand between a God of justice and a ruined world. Like Aaron, you are to rush between the living and the dead, to stay the burning plague. You are ambassadors for Christ: watchmen to the house of Israel: angels of the churches. These terms designate your character, and imply that you hold, and preach, important principles, to influence the destinies of men. Those principles are laid down in the Bibles you have just received, at the hands of the President of Conference: there you have the central truth of God's existence: the Trinity in unity: the Fall and Corruption of Man: the Atonement: Justification by Faith *alone*: Holiness and the Witness of the Spirit: eternal Rewards and Punishments.