

kingdom, or sweep a street of a city in that kingdom, they are contented, knowing that "the time is short," and that "He dooth all things well."

My Lord, have you ever stood on the pier of some noble harbour, and watched the departure of two ships bound to distant and sunny climes; they were both alike in every particular, both new, both strong and well equipped; they differed in this, one was commanded by an experienced captain, who had spent the best part of his days on the deep; the other was owned and commanded by a landsman, a novice, a visionary, who had persuaded himself and a few of his friends, that ballast was a needless encumbrance, wanting which the vessel would glide more swiftly through the waters; and after various efforts to induce some experienced captain to dispense with it for a single trip, he had built this vessel to try the experiment. The time of trial came at last, and thousands had gathered on the beach. The day was favorable, a gentle breeze filled the sails of each, and oh! it was a pretty sight to see the two vessels lying side by side, the one floating like a duck on the water, the other on account of her ballast not quite so buoyant. They started fairly, and the unthinking raised a shout when they saw the unballasted vessel rapidly shooting ahead of her consort; but the experienced sailors knew that the real trial would be, when having lost the shelter of the harbour, they entered on the stormy deep; that time came only too soon to Captain Novelty and his good ship "Secular Education;" two miles beyond the harbour she sank beneath the waves. Her rival was too far behind to save any of the crew, but gallantly she rode out the storm and brought all her passengers in safety to the haven where they would be; and, my Lord, is it not sad to think that there are thousands and tens of thousands of young men in this country, intelligent, well educated, well equipped in every respect to make the voyage of life a grand success, yet they no sooner leave the harbour of home and enter on the stormy voyage of life, than they are shipwrecked—"in time of temptation they fall away,"—simply because they have no ballast, by which I understand *principle—religious principle*.

My Lord, the schoolmaster is abroad, he is walking through the length and breadth of the land; silently he goes about his