

friend. Endure it ; bear it bravely ; don't interfere with its operation. For you know there may be something in the thought that your weight of glory will be proportionatè to your affliction. A brick of pure gold weighs far more than a brick of impure cast in the same mould. As its weight was increased by the fierce fire which burned and purified it, let the afflicted one rejoice in that he is afflicted, for let him know that God is thereby sanctifying him, making him pure, and fitting him for a sphere which perhaps the unafflicted brother can never occupy.

“ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence came they ? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He that sitteth upon the throne shall dwell among them ; they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light upon them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and He shall lead them unto living fountains of water. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”