

going to his appointed portion for eternity of happiness or misery. To stand on the confines of the two worlds, and beseech men to flee from the wrath to come;—to stand as it were at the gate of heaven, and pray men to enter into that glory which shall be revealed. To feel the preciousness of single souls by frequent reference to that blood by which alone one could be ransomed. To labour thus, in the light of eternity, would give energy to our ministrations, a fulness to our proclamations of pardon, and a subduing tenderness to our words, even when compelled to declare the terrors of a coming judgment.

And, brethren, if I use such words of exhortation, I would seek to address them to myself while speaking to you. If referring to ministerial duties, I would include myself, for in the providence of God I am partaker of them together with you; and, if at times a heavier weight of care may be my portion from growing acquaintance with the land and anxiety for so many spheres, I would affectionately ask a continuance of what you have never withheld, your intercessions at the throne of grace, that, for our work's sake, health and strength and energy might be prolonged to me. Often has the sight of your zeal encouraged and refreshed me; for what the Apostle said to his converts we would say to you, "We live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

Brethren, when we next meet our flocks, if another Sabbath dawn upon us, it will be the opening day of another year,—a year commencing