

at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, and say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof!" Oh! how will you appear if, from amid the bright "summer" of privileges, and golden "harvest" of opportunities, "the river sweep you away, that ancient river," with this shriek of agony on your trembling lips—"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, **AND WE ARE NOT SAVED!**"

"When the harvest is past and the summer is gone,
And sermons and prayers shall be o'er;
When the beams cease to break of the sweet Sabbath morn,
And Jesus invites thee no more.

When the rich gales of Mercy no longer shall blow,
The Gospel no message declare;
Sinner, how canst thou bear the deep wailings of woe,
How suffer the night of despair?"

SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION STATIONS.

In the prosecution of earthly wars and conflicts, great as the danger may be, and uncertain the result, there is little difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of the necessary combatants. We have heard lately of an order for an additional half million of soldiers for the prosecution of that war to the south of us, in which already so much precious blood has been shed. Calls have already been made for large bodies of men; and these calls have been responded to. The fresh call for five hundred thousand men will no doubt be to a great extent, successful. With the risk of painful wounds, or of a bloody death on the field of battle, men will offer their services, and will go forward to fill up the ranks of those who have fallen in the conflict. So it is in other conflicts. But alas, few offer their services as soldiers of the Lord Jesus, and as combatants on his side against the wickedness, infidelity and irreligion of his enemies. In answer to the calls of the great Leader and Commander, and to the invitations of the Church, few are heard saying, "Here am I, send me."

This should not be so. The labour of the Christian missionary or pastor may be arduous, his privations may be great, he may be called to make many sacrifices, but after all, his calling is an honourable and glorious one, the warfare in which he is called to engage is a good warfare, his service is one of perfect freedom; he is assured of the presence and support of his Master now, and he has the assurance of being at last received to be ever with the Lord; "where I am there shall also my servant be." Besides, the conflict in which the servant of the Lord has to bear a part is not of uncertain issue. The individual labourer, it is true, may not always see of the fruit of his labour. He may often go forth to his work weeping. One may have to sow and another to reap. But the issue is not doubtful. The victory is sure. Both sower and reaper shall at the last rejoice together. Yea every faithful labourer may confidently rely on the assurance that in *due* time he shall reap, if he faint not.

There should, therefore, be no reluctance on the part of any to enter the service of the Great King and Head of the Church. It is in every way a most glorious service. The very work itself is most ennobling. The truths about which the Church and ministry are engaged are most sublime in their nature, and most ennobling in their tendency. And yet young men, with superior powers, and with all necessary advantages as to education, will press into other departments of work, yea, will wait for years for what they regard as a good opening, while the Church in vain calls for labourers. The want is felt, more or less, in every branch of the Church. We are suffering, ourselves, from this cause. The report on Home Missions, which we publish in another column,