

will soon be of no consequence, what relationships we have entered into; What Houses we have had; What share in the business, and profits of the World; for even the World itself passeth away, its fashions and its plans are all fast drawing towards a close.

My Brethren, it is necessary for ourselves, that we be frequently reminded of this solemn truth, in order that we think less of Earthly things and more of such as are heavenly; that we may be very moderate in our pursuit and enjoyment of temporal blessings; that we may esteem everything we have, as only lent us for a short space, to be used and improved, and that we should seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness—"the things that are above where Christ sitteth at God's right hand for evermore."

"The time is short." Toleration may be established in whatever aspect it is presented to us. And first let us view it in its relation to, and comparison with Eternity.

What is Time? The space we measure by hours—and days—and months—and years! nearly six thousand years, thus measured, have passed away, since Time began its rounds; how many yet remain, before it shall close, is a secret unrevealed to human enquiry. But the hour is fast drawing on, when the angel shall stand with one foot on the Earth, and the other on the Sea, and swear "by him that liveth forever and ever"—that there shall be Time no longer. And suppose it to last as long as it has already lasted; yet put it all in comparison with Eternity, and what will it amount to? For what is Eternity? Sit down and calculate—measure its duration. Is it, 10,000 years?—Is it, 10,000,000?—Is it ten millions of millions?—Count