

and earth as it were, should be drawn closer and closer together. Which of us may see another New Year's day, God alone can tell; but if we be Christ's flock, and *only* then, we shall be prepared for whatever he is preparing for us, and even when the summons of death shall come we shall be found ready to say: come Lord Jesus, come quickly. When this earthly tabernacle shall have been dissolved, we shall then have a better house beyond the Jordan of death, whose maker and builder is God. And ever remember that when God's time comes, "He changes our countenances and sendeth us away." "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death." We must *all* leave this world whether we wish to do so, or not—but that is not to say that we will all go to heaven,—Ah! no. Let none of the readers of the *Record* think that because they attend the Sabbath School—if they have not given up the company of wicked companions—those who tell lies, swear, disobey their parents, break God's holy day, and it may be take what is not their own and then try to conceal it by falsehood—that the mere attending the Sabbath School will save them from the same condemnation as their wicked companions. God looks on the heart, and not on the outward appearance; and it is as true that there is a hell for the wicked, and for those that *forget* God, as that there is a heaven for Christ's people. Let us flee then from the wrath to come, and lay hold of eternal life; for soon, the Bible says, we must go, hence and be no more.

I dare say, some of the readers of the *Record* since this time last year, have passed into eternity, and which of us shall be the next, God alone can tell, perhaps reader, it may be you! Oh! how solemn the thought, what an enquiry for every one to ask himself or herself, am I prepared to die? If not, attend to it *now*, delay not till to-morrow, you are in peril now, but ere to-morrow you may be ruined for ever! Oh! then let us all be often at the throne of grace, seeking the pardon of our sins, for Christ's sake, and grace to help us in future. Soon we must join, either the ransomed myriads around God's throne, or those who are for ever excluded from his presence. Time is flying, and eternity is approaching, let us secure an inheritance in that bright world,