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mighty promotion in the bliss of those saints who had already fallen asleep in Him. Then and not till then, are they called "the spirits of just men made perfect" (Heb. xii. 23). See Alford on Heb. xi. 40, who, comparing the two verses, says, "The writer seems to testify that the advent and work of Christ have changed the estate of the Old Testament fathers and saints into greater and perfect bliss, an inference which is forced on us by many other passages in Scripture." Indeed it could hardly be otherwise, when we remember that the mystical body of Christ is one whole family in heaven and earth (Eph. iii. 15).

Lines 929—937.

See notes on Book i., line 671, and Book v., lines 900—920.

Lines 1066—1086.

Ps. xxiv.

Line 1097. *Advancing with His precious blood.*

Heb. ix. 12.

Lines 1099—1105.

See Eph. i. 20, 21.

Line 1111. *Cleaved with the virtue of His blood those courts, &c.*

Compare "It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace by the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or THINGS IN HEAVEN" (Col. i. 19, 20), with "It was necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but THE HEAVENLY THINGS THEMSELVES with better sacrifices than these" (Heb. ix. 23). On these passages I venture to refer the reader to my Commentary on the New Testament.

BOOK VIII.

Line 49. *Jehovah is a man of war.*

Exod. xv. 3.

Line 54. *The Sevenfold Spirit.*

Rev. iv. 5.