

out all that profaned his House of prayer,—thoughts of the day sure to come “when we must all appear before the Judgement seat of Christ,” when earthly Sanctuaries will be closed for ever, and there will remain none but the Holy of Holies above. When Christ the Almighty judge will come to take account of his servants, and will say to them on his right hand, “Come, ye blessed of my Father,” and to them on his left, “Depart, ye cursed.”

God forbid that this last should be addressed to any who are here to-day. May He grant that this House may be the gate of heaven to us all; that none be missing then, who are here now; that the poor among us who may resort to these courts from time to time, may turn out to be rich towards God;—that the stranger and the wayfaring man for whom a place is provided *here*, may no longer be strangers to God, but through its instrumentality may find a place provided for him there, a home “in the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” May such be our blessed portion, when this short life is ended, and the Second Advent is actually upon us. And to the blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be honor and glory forever.”

I shall add to this extract from my sermon but little more. But I must remind you of the abundant causes of thankfulness which we have in this favored land. While elsewhere, in the last two years, wars and commotions have raged, we have been blest with peace; while famine has prevailed in some countries, especially in India to the loss of 2 millions and a half of lives, we have been favored with more than a sufficiency for the wants of our people. While pestilence has swept away its hundreds of thousands,—we have had it only within sight of us, and have seen it pass on to other lands, leaving indeed, its sad marks behind in the graves of our citizens, and the deposit of hundreds of poor foreigners beneath our soil. While conflagrations and hurricanes, and earthquakes, and explosions have been heard of by us, our country has been mercifully spared. Surely for all this, we ought to praise our gracious God. And then, how many and how rich are our civil and religious privileges still continued to us. Churches, and Bibles, and Ministers to spread and maintain the light of the blessed Gospel in our midst; education brought within the reach of the poorest. “What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits,” should be the eager enquiry of each one among us. And remember the best return is to “shew forth His praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, giving up ourselves to his service, and walking before Him in holiness and righteousness all our days.” Be this more and more your endeavour.