

introduced by death. We who believe that the wheel of retribution never pauses, that death does but give us new aspects of life, that there is a higher empire than the flesh, that the absolute and final adjudication is yet to supervene, should carry ourselves with the patience, the calmness, the dignity of men who cannot die! To-day is not the measure of my brief eternity; there is to-morrow coming, coming from the heart of God, coming from the clime of light, coming with justice in its hand and mercy on its lip, and to that better day I must commit my cause.

Not only do our works follow us on earth, but I believe that they follow us into the other life. Our works of faith, and labours of love, shall not go unrewarded. We shall receive full compensation for all our toil. He will graciously reward His faithful ones for that which, without Him, they could not possibly have done. Yes, he who applauded Mary's deed of affection, and declared it should be published in all the world, and will yet acknowledge it, when He comes to render unto all according to their works, will not permit a word spoken in season for Him, or a cup of cold water given in His name, to be forgotten. The Sabbath school teacher, the tract distributor, the sick visitor, as well as prophets and apostles, deacons and evangelists, pastors and teachers, will then be amply paid by His approving smile and encouraging word,—

“—Well and faithfully done,

Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne.”

*Their blessedness begins immediately after death.* “From henceforth saith the Spirit.” From the moment of death the blessedness begins. This stands opposed to two errors that were current in the church as early as the fourth century. (1) That there is an obliviousness of soul until the resurrection; and to