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The inference which follows from what has been said on this subject, cannot be so well expressed as in the words of the Apostle, in the verse immediately following the text ; seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness ? Ought not the important discoveries which have been made to us, of the designs of the Almighty, and of the destiny of man, to exalt our sentiments, and to purify our life from what is vicious or vain ? While we pursue the business and cares of our present station, and partake of the innocent pleasures which the world affords, let us maintain that dignity of character, which becomes immortal beings ; let us act with that circumspection, which becomes those who know they are soon to stand before the judgment-seat of the Son of God : In a word, let us study to be what we would wish to be found, if to us the day of the Lord should come.

I know it will occur, that the prospect of that day cannot be expected to have much influence on the present age. The events of which I have treated, must needs, it will be said, belong to some future race of men. Many prophecies yet remain to be fulfilled. Many preparatory events must take place, before the world is ripe for final judgment.—Whether this be the case or not, none of us with certainty know.—But allow me to remind you, that to each of us, an event is approaching, and not far distant, which shall prove of the same effect, with the coming of the day of the Lord. The day of death is, to every individual, the same as the day of the dissolution of the world. The sun may continue to shine but to them who are laid in the grave, his light is finally extinguished. The world may remain active, busy, and noisy ; but to them, all is silence. The voice which