

And you, my brethren, who are already on the Lord's side, persevere in the course which you have begun, seek after greater attainments in holiness. Let this year be happier than any that has preceded, by making you more like that Saviour whom to know is life everlasting, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore. But a few more years of sin and sorrow upon earth and the conflict will be over. Then you will be called to lay aside the sword and to receive the crown.

"O, long expected year ! begin :
Dawn on this world of wo and sin ;
Fain would we leave this weary road,
To sleep in death, and rest with God."