

reverse this law of God, or do away with the consequences of a long and evil seed-sowing.

Mr. Chambers uses a very happy illustration on this subject, which I think may help to impress upon us the vital importance of the cultivation and the formation of Christian character here and now :—

“ If we be wise men, the truth that there are different spheres of experience in the Hades-World will goad us into being earnest about our life and character. Just as we dare not be neglectful of our education in youth, because our position in later years will be affected thereby, so the cultivation of our moral and spiritual nature will be a task to which we shall devote ourselves, for the reason that we shall know that the neglect of it may involve a handicapping of ourselves in the life to come. Thus human existence will assume a greater responsibility and significance : new incentives will be given to the struggle after holiness, and a greater importance will attach itself to even the thoughts, looks, and words, as well as the actions, of our every-day life.”

Let us then, by grace of God, and by the indwelling power of the Holy Ghost, set ourselves to the cultivation of our Christian character. Above all, let us, by prayer and the diligent use of all the appointed means of grace, seek to be made more and more like Him whose Name we bear : ever remembering that our Heavenly Father has given His only Son to be both a Sacrifice for sins, and also an Ensample of godly life. While, then, we thankfully receive the priceless benefit of Christ's Sacrifice, let us also, by God's help and grace, daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of Christ's most holy life.

I close with the words of a Proverb which seems to me to be appropriate to this subject, because it enforces its all-important lesson.

“ Sow an action, reap a habit :
Sow a habit, reap a character :
Sow a character, reap a destiny.”