

Yet, have we not timely warning? We do not desire to know the day, nor the year, even, when we shall die; it would frighten us; it would unfit us for the duties of life, it would cover everything with sackcloth; it is in great mercy concealed from us; but the solemn fact, that we must die, is told to us; and we read of life's uncertainty in the word of God and with most earnest admonitions respecting immediate preparation; we read of it, and hear of it in the many and loud lessons of Providence: and no man ought to be taken unawares; and no good man will be taken unawares. The christian is always watchful, always laying up some more of the soul's treasure in heaven where his goods are safe for ever; and thus it is not with him the questionable religion and hope of a deathbed, but of a lifetime, that is the source of comfort and hope. The rule of his life, and the desire of his heart are, "let me live *the life* of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

This is a home question; the man is put at the brink of the grave to hearken to it, and he is called to look at all his avaricious gatherings, when he tries to answer it, "whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" Assuredly not thine. The body is done with them. The soul does not need them. Earth for earth, spirit for spirit. O how soon the reverse is made! Man grasps the earth, and then, in turn, the earth grasps him. This is finely stated in an ancient epitaph in Melrose Abbey, that, I suppose, some monk composed.

"The yearth buildeth on the yearth  
Castles and towers,  
The yearth sayeth to the yearth,  
All shall be ours.  
The yearth walketh on the yearth,  
Glystering like gold,  
The yearth goeth to the yearth  
Sooner than it wold."

My reader, take then to *your* mind, and heart, and conscience, and conduct, what our Lord Jesus has taught by this character that the parable illustrates, and see in him the true likeness, the folly, and the fate of the man "that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." The warning admonition we all need; and may the Divine Spirit effectually apply it. "Take heed, and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

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## Items of Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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THOROLD AND DRUMMONDVILLE.—The Rev. J. Lees has received a unanimous call from the congregations of Thorold and Drummondville.

DOON AND HESPELER.—The Rev. Mr. McKenzie has accepted the call of the congregations of Doon and Hespeler.

BELMONT AND YARMOUTH.—The Rev. A. Currie of Blythe, has received a call from the congregations of Belmont and Yarmouth.

GUELPH.—The Rev. W. S. Ball is to be inducted, on the 5th instant, as Pastor of Knox's Church, Guelph.