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Jesus Christ, who purchased all good things for us, when we had lost them. Loving them, you will live to them; and you will overcome the world, and all its troubles, and trials, and vanities. What are its vanities in comparison with everlasting good things in Heaven? Shall its troubles or trials distress us; seeing that they are the dispensations of a good God, to wean us from sin and the world, and to fit us for holiness and for Heaven? "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us,"* if we love him and things eternal. Are your affections set on things eternal? If not, what have you done for them, to know them, or to love them, or to acquire them? Have you so numbered your days, as to apply your hearts unto wisdom? Have you improved your time, this last year; devoted a part of it, to cultivating holiness, and preparation for eternity? Have you given a part, a small part of every day, to using the means given you by God for growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord? Unless you have done this, how can you be more wise, more holy, more set upon things above, or better prepared for eternity, than you were a twelvemonth ago? You cannot, and yet you have an account to give of the use you have made of all your time and talents for the year past; and you know not how soon your account will be closed.

The day lasts. The year commences. Still, time is granted unto you to improve a day of grace, and to make this an accepted year of the Lord, acceptable to him, and profitable to you, in your working out your salvation; in your laying up treasure in heaven, and laying hold on life eternal. Oh, improve the year to come, every day, while it

* Romans, 8—37.