

version, "Pleasant in life, and in eternity not divided." One after another falls, until the last of the circle is carried to his long home ; but they were not then divided. The family meet again. Husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, stand within the gates of the New Jerusalem, washed and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

TO YOUNG LADIES.*

PREPARATORY WORK.

LICHENS, and mosses, and decayed leaves are needful to prepare a soil for the trees of the forest : so they who are to be called to some special work, are often led by a way that they know not to some special preparation ; and work that may seem unnecessary and unimportant, proves to be the under-soil from whence the fruitful tree is to spring up. We knew a lady who had her mind much returned to the study of German. In her case it seemed a waste of time, and was met with some opposition and discouragement. Still she persevered ; and it was not till after she had conquered the difficulties of her favorite language, than an unthought-of door was opened, and she became the wife of a Missionary to the Jews in Germany. Without the probability of so prominent a leading by Providence, there are many things that may be cultivated by the Christian in the waiting interval, which he will find useful as auxiliaries when called into active service. Knowledge of all kinds comes under this head. History, languages, logic, mathematics, and the physical sciences, may all be useful in interesting and influencing the young ; in enabling us to "give a reason for the hope that is in us ;" and in confuting the sophistries of those who, themselves destitute of this good "hope," strive to destroy it in others. Researches into the hidden works of God, as well as into those which clothe the earth in beauty, awakening praise and admiration for their Creator in ourselves, fill up many an idle hour, and create many a busy and blessed thought in the minds of others ; while the well-stored memory, the cultivated taste, the quick observation, the keen discrimination into heart and character, if not concealed in the folded napkin, may take their honourable place

*From an *admirable* little Book, which we recommend most cordially. "Work ; or, how to do, and how to do it." By Margaret Maria Brewster. Hamilton, Adams, & Co. London, England.