

After lingering for several months, he gradually became weaker, and then calmly fell asleep in Jesus, whom he once despised and rejected, but who had been revealed to him by God's Holy Spirit as the chief among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely One.

Sceptic, infidel, agnostic, and all un-saved ones of this age of culture, philosophy and refinement, do cease to follow the will-o'-the-wisp of your benighted intellects, and look by faith to Christ alone, who is the true wisdom and light and Saviour of poor sinful man. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—C. D. J.—A Message from God.

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#### "WATCH WEEL"

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When on a visit to a friend at Melrose, we were taken for the purpose of tract distribution, a drive to Abottsford. I was there shown round Dryburgh Abbey by a good Scotchman of more than ordinary intelligence, who was in charge of the place, and who escorted me to the tomb of Sir Walter Scott, the noted writer. On the face of a large stone in the old abbey wall, just above this tomb, is to be seen the words, "Watch weel," quite alone, and deeply engraven in large irregular-shaped ancient letters.

Generally speaking we all of course know what this short sentence means (which, in English, is "Watch well"); but curiosity rather led me to ask our guide why it was so conspicuously placed in such a public spot. He explained that it had no connection whatever with Sir Walter, as it was there long

before he was born; but that it was a motto adopted by the nobility, and extensive landed proprietors during the "Border Wars" of Scotland, centuries ago. These people, he told me, agreed to use it as a watch-word against their enemies, who were ever expected to invade their territory; and that this watch-word was intended to be always uppermost in their minds, to guard them against the possibility of surprise,

Thanking my informant for his courtesy, I remarked to him that I considered the motto an exceedingly wise one in its generation, and that if people would "watch weel" lest their worst enemy should catch them unawares, surely others should not watch less for the coming of their best Friend.

For instance, God's people should constantly have it in their hearts to "watch weel" for their Lord, who at any moment may come from God's right hand where He now is, to take them from this world of sin, sorrow, warfare, enemies, and death, to a heaven of holiness, joy, peace, light, and eternal glory with Himself, our best Friend.

This obviously touching a chord in the good man's soul led him to exclaim, "Yes, *that's* the Person I am watching for."

"But," I rejoined, "do I understand you really to mean that you are watching for the Lord Jesus from heaven, as knowing Him to be your Saviour, Sin-bearer, and best Friend?"

"I am," said he with emphasis and joy; "but I am afraid that I am not watching quite as *weel* as I ought."

Our time being up, and after mutual encouragement to "watch well" for the blessed One who *will* come and will not tarry, we wished each other farewell