

prise the Church and people of God, were they ever "like unto men waiting for their Lord." It is the neglect of that "more sure word of prophecy," which leads us to be unready for any event.

We close our eyes as the light of the Spirit shines on the sacred page, pointing out the otherwise dark future, and are justly punished for our folly by being taken unawares.

Both Elijah and Elisha were in the path of duty, both waiting for what each knew was at hand, when God's ministering spirits came down in shape as chariots of fire and horses of fire, and separated the master and his servant, leaving the one to his work, whilst taking the other to his wages.

The path of duty is the path of safety; may we ever walk in it; then come what will, all will be well!

Elisha's exclamation, My Father! My Father! expresses a strong sense of loss, as if it were irreparable, but entering at once on his work in dependance on a higher master at the first difficulty, he tests the presence of God, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" and at once the God of Elijah stands forth as the God of Elisha.

Join with me in earnest prayer, that what Elijah's mantle was to Elisha, the vacant chair of Benjamin Cronyn maybe to Isaac Hellmuth, an ever-present proof of God's choice; that though the lot was cast by the hand of man, the disposal thereof was the finger of God. xvi. Prov. 33.

The office of a Bishop in the Church of God is what an Angel might covet, and who is sufficient for it. God might have delegated an Archangel to the charge, and he would have failed if unsupported by the God of all grace.

In our regard for the office we are apt to forget that Bishops are men and not God, flesh and not spirit; that the treasure is in earthen vessels, and that those vessels of earth are of very different form and quality—some more and some less, mixed with the more precious metals, and yet, if they be vessels fitted for and used in the master-service