

son of God, victorious over sin, ranking with the earth's great ones, and followed with blessings. And then, and then, when the final issue comes, and you lie down to die, instead of regrets, yours may be the solid satisfaction that your life, from its very morning, has been consecrated to the side of goodness ; and then, instead of a place with the wicked, you will go into a heaven which will be the consummation of the life of righteousness into which you have entered down here.

Yes, this will be your safeguard against the moral dangers of the age. Those dangers were never so serious, never so numerous, as they are now. Men make charts and erect lighthouses to direct a vessel on its course and to give note of perils ahead. I have ventured to do this in the foregoing chapter for the young men who have launched their vessel on life's vast ocean. There is danger beyond all power of language to depict ; and that danger means ruin in its widest meaning ; but there is also a way of safety. Two steps there are by which you may enter that way. Obtain, first, forgiveness for the sins of the past. God offers you all the merits of Christ's atoning sacrifice. Plead those merits, and by faith appropriate and make them your own. Through that great sacrifice, God will receive you, and *remember* your sins no more. In the blessed Book, and in every variety of form, in every