

14 DEEPENING SHADOWS AND COMING GLORIES.

for the manifestation of the sons of God, how much more those sons of God themselves!

"And why should this not be our spirit? Compare the sordidness of this world with the crystal purity and splendor of the New Jerusalem. Think of the dust and dearth and soil and toil of earth in comparison with that River and Tree of Life which refresh and adorn and satisfy the dwellers in those eternal mansions.

" . . . Why should we wish to suffer and toil and sigh amid the miseries of a scene like this, when such a city of unchanging blessedness throws open its gates of pearl for our admission?

"Are we so in love with aches and ills, and wrongs and disappointments, and treacheries and diseases, and death-beds and graves, and torments and temptations of Satan, as not to be willing to be done with them forever? With what ardor, then, and delight and enthusiastic joy should we embrace this word of our Saviour, 'Yea, I come quickly'!

"Have we no mind for the realization of that precious 'liberty of the children of God'; no wish to behold our lowliness glorified in the glory of the Man of Nazareth; no longing to have our humble labors recognized and approved by our enthroned Redeemer; no appreciation of our persevering faith, of the consummation of our hopes and prayers, of the brightening of our love and charity into rewards