

be the capacity of endurance. They too shall be raised spiritual bodies; but they shall not bear the image of the heavenly. Of those that sleep in the dust, some shall awake to everlasting life; but some also to shame and everlasting contempt. This last shall be the fate of the wicked. Death, therefore, to them will not be gain, since it fixes their doom irreversibly in moral degradation, and its proper punishment. Be it now your daily concern, my brethren, to scrutinize the ground of your hope, lest you should cherish a delusion that shall make you ashamed at last. "For not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but they that do the will of our Father who is in heaven." It is a dreadful infatuation to dream that a life of ungodliness and carelessness may yet terminate in a happy death and a blissful eternity! It is contrary to the express declaration of God, and to the established order of his moral government. Reflect, that the doom of mortality was pronounced upon you at the moment of your birth; swift-winged time is speeding onward with your death warrant; a few more revolutions of the year and your career will be closed! Remember that your eternity will take its complexion from time. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Soon shall you reach the end of your journey never to retrace your steps on this lower world. Let all your plans then be laid with eternity clearly in view. Let each day be improved, as it hastens to join the past of your existence—charge it with some joyous message of sin subdued, of faith strengthened, to the world of the departed, that the spirits of the redeemed may rejoice in your heavenward progress. Strive to redeem more earnestly the fleeting moments for the service of God, for the cultivation of holiness, for the development of Christian character, that thus you may become prepared for being made a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Seek those things which shall lastingly bene-