

“ Yes, patience ! there may come a time,  
 When these *dull ears* shall hear aright,  
 Strains that outring earth's drowsy chime,  
 As heaven outshines the taper's light ! ”

“ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold which perisheth, *though it be tried with fire*, might be found unto praise, and honour, and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter i, 7.)

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### A WORD OF EXHORTATION.

2 Peter i. 12-15: “ Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance ; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover, I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.”

The Lord has taught us much and many blessed truths, and when they were fresh and new, what power they had upon our souls ! They filled our thoughts ; we spake often one to another about them. Now, I am thinking that one great reason why we have become so weak, why so much failure, is just this, that what we have *known* we have not kept “ *always* in remembrance.” Had the church not forgotten what it did know, surely she would not have failed as she has. Did we individually walk as *always in remembrance* of what we learn from the Lord by His word, I am sure we should find ourselves gaining strength, and increasing, too, in knowledge of Him.