

In our hands God has placed the means, and we are the agents of this glorious consummation, and ours the responsibility of seeing that nothing but divinely appointed means enters, as an element, into the church's activity. Ours the duty of rising to the urgent necessities of the times, by more thorough Scriptural exposition of truth,—by higher elevation of personal, congregational and individual life,—by more enlarged and thorough reliance upon the promise of the Spirit; combining all around our one grand object, a Redeemer's glory in a world redeemed, and then will signs, so ominous of evil, pass away as a dream of the night,—the church resume her true commanding position,—the pulpit regain its lost power, lost thro' ignorance or unfaithfulness,—men flock to the Saviour, "as doves to their windows," and "Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," announce the final consummation of the great purpose of "the decease accomplished at Jerusalem."

How bright the prospect as it rises to the eye of Faith! Ours the duty, the privilege, the honour of rendering those visions of Faith, realities of sight, by bending our every energy to the great purpose to which we have been consecrated and pledged,—laying at the feet of our Redeemer, King, a reconstructed world. To the eye of Faith this grand result is only a question of time, for divine faithfulness is pledged that "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." Amen.