

overwhelming prodigies connected with this day?

"Whilst withering from the vaults of night,
The stars will pale their feeble light."

I beseech you, put away your sin. Bow your knees in prayer. Cast yourselves on the atoning sacrifice of Christ. With strong crying and tears seek the pardon of your sin, and rest not until you have obtained it, or death to you will be a tremendous curse. Is Christ your Saviour? Then why should you yield to nature's shrinking from the thought of death! Dying strength is not given until the dying day. Think that one tomb in the history of earth has been found empty, and give thanks for all that empty grave implies—sin's penalty endured, a risen and now glorified Saviour. Think of the promise of Christ, most fulfilled in the hour of death, "Fear not, for I am with thee." But, Lord, the stream is deep and dark and chill. "Be not afraid; when thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee: for I am thy God, thy Saviour."

"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

From the expression, "clothed upon," it would almost appear that Paul scarcely expected to die. The wish, at times, rose into a hope that he should be of those who would be alive at the coming of Christ. Hence the hypothetical form of the first verse: "If the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved." Hence his words in another epistle: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." At a later period he seems to have obtain-