

languages by which they are expressed, and have held a name in the literary heathen and Christian world ever since the creation. Until of late a party has arisen called Universalists, or modern Sadducees, who are determined that one of these beings shall exist no longer, putting their veto on the belief of all past ages, and the inspiration of the Scriptures besides. As they deny any hell deeper than the grave, they deny any devil but the evil passions; they deny a day of judgment, and future punishment, &c., the reality of which we mean to prove in the sequel.

The great difference between the orthodox religion and the sceptical system lieth in this: the orthodox believer with all his faults, when he sees the approach of danger or death, he flees to the mercies of Christ, as into a strong tower; while the sceptic has no refuge. The worshippers of Baal, when they cried, had no God to answer, neither any that regarded. 1 Kings xviii. 29. So,

"When the last moments of life are transpiring,  
When life is fast fading, and death heaves in sight,  
The Christian, believing, exulting, aspiring,  
Beholds a to-morrow of endless delight.

"But the infidel then he knows no to-morrow,  
Yet he sees that his life is fast fleeting away;  
Poor wretch! can he feel, without heart-rending sorrow,  
That all his false hope will expire with to-day!"

I would here remark that some persons have tried to dissuade me from publishing this work, stating that the people of New Brunswick were not a reading people, and therefore I would not find sale for it. I am well aware that—

Many a bard, and many a painter, fell  
A prey to want, who wrote and painted well;  
Shall I be silent, when I know I should  
Publish this work, just for my country's good?

I am not in the least intimidated, knowing the liberal patronage which I met with when I published the "Marrow of the Scriptures," some twenty-three years ago, and sold almost three thousand copies in one year. This tells pretty fair for the people of New-Brunswick. I am persuaded that if they see an important work, they will purchase and read it also.

All scientific men unto whom I have committed the Prospectus, have approved of the plan of the work. Everybody knows that when a book is put in good panoramic order, it is more easily understood and remembered.

Some may think that this is more of a critical than of a religious work. As Paul said, "I have earnestly desired to see you, but I have been hindered," now the more excellent way is undoubtedly