

this suffering; and if the cause of the affliction be not seen, there is falling away from the Lord and a gradual sinking into the world. On the contrary, when the cause is discovered there is great revival; the heart, like the bride (Cant. v.) awakened from her sleep, cleaves to the Lord more than ever.

4. REAPING WHAT WE SOW.—This refers to our daily life. "If ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons, judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear." We are either acting rightly or wrongly. If we gain in the one, righteously we lose in the other. If a man overtax his strength in vanity, he suffers from some bodily illness, or if he labour too hard from covetousness, he suffers in his health and is an invalid: he has sinned. It is, I apprehend, to this class of sufferers James refers, when he says, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, it shall be forgiven him." But when high-handed sin is persisted in offensively to the general conscience, and there is open reproach it becomes a sin unto death, and there is no forgiveness for it: the sufferer dies, as we read in John v. 16, "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

The blessed God grant that we may be more sensibly under His hand and care.—J. B. S.

The resurrection body has only to supply the immortal mind with a better organization, and it will multiply the powers and joys of existence manifold and forever. To this great

life in the endless future we shall all be raised up if we know Christ and the power of His resurrection. We can afford to make sacrifices and to suffer the loss of all things earthly to attain such a mighty and glorious existence in the future. We may well rejoice to declare our love and gratitude to that one infinite Friend who died to open up to us such a career of glory and joy through the resurrection from the dead. With unfaltering hope let us ever look forward to that glorious day when we shall be clothed with the robes of immortality; our faces shall shine like the lightning, and we shall range with tireless pinions and ceaseless joy through all the beauties and glories of the kingdom of God.—M.

The Word of God is the only rule, the only standard, the only authority for man. It meets him in every position, in every relationship, in every sphere of action, and in every stage of his moral and spiritual history.—It tell him what he ought to do, and what he ought not. It furnishes him with ample guidance in every difficulty. It descends to the most minute details—such details, indeed, as fill us with amazement to think that the High and Mighty One that inhabiteth eternity could occupy Himself with them—to think that the Omnipotent Creator and Sustainer of the vast universe could stoop to legislate about a bird's nest. Deut. xxii. 6, 7. Such is the Word of God, that peerless Revelation, that perfect and inimitable volume which stands alone in the history of literature.—C. H. M.