

Sin appeared, and they were marred (cf. Col. i. 20, with Eph. ii. 10). For a moment, God rested, so to speak, in them; but that rest came to an end. The Scriptures say but little as to the evil which sullied the heavens; all that we know is, that there were angels who fell. But it was on the earth and among men that the divine and wonderful work of redemption was to be displayed; and this subject is revealed to us in all its fulness.

THE REST OF GOD IN THE NEW CREATION BY MEANS OF THE SECOND ADAM.

The rest of God, after the first creation, was short. The rest of man with God passed away like a morning-dream. But the blessing of God was not to pass away in the same manner. That which was transient, on account of the weakness of the first Adam, was to be restored on an infinitely more excellent footing by the display of the might and power of the Second Adam; the will of God being to head up in Him all things which are in the heavens and upon the earth (Eph. i. 10).

CHRIST THE HEIR—THE CHURCH JOINT-HEIR WITH HIM, THROUGH RESURRECTION.

It is on this gathering together of all things unto Christ and in Christ, as their Head, that depends the character and the substance of the hope of the Church, until God be all in all. In this point of view, Scripture speaks of Christ manifested, as