

faithful over a few cities are advanced to large governments. And the very purpose for which He goes away from the disciples into the unseen kingdom of the Father is, that He may prepare new spheres of service for them—"I go to prepare a place for you."

But this is a subject concerning which details have been withheld. We can only say—taking our Lord's own life as light—that heaven will include activities such as that life displayed. There will be ample scope. The same interest in children which our Lord displayed may surely be expected in a world where more than the half of all who live in it will be of that class. There, also, there will be his disciples to be instructed. The multitudes who have passed into heaven when they had only caught the first glimpses of redeeming love will have to be led into the fullness of the truth. Higher and lower, advanced and less advanced, teacher and taught—those relations abide. Faith and hope can never cease to serve the Lord, or to have spheres of service among souls who have entered into bliss under every possible variety of attainment and age. There, as here, it will still be service to love one another. Love could not be love without going forward into new spheres, new services, new fruit-bearing for God.

It may be, that as the elements of active service are developed on earth, the passive elements may have their time of activity in heaven. It is an old distinction concerning the Church—here militant, there triumphant. The souls whom God shall gather about His throne will have much to learn concerning God Himself, will still feel that they are but children in the knowledge even of His works. The life which on earth served God by putting into words the Song of the Lily and the Bird, will have abundant scope for continuance in such service in a world all new; which it shall study with hearts and eyes new-touched

by the power of God. It is certain that somewhere in the future we shall once more enter Paradise, and be placed, as our first parents were, in the Garden of God; and in the new garden, as in the old, in ways known as yet only to God, we shall be set "to dress it and to keep it" for Him.

THE QUEEN AND THE HERD LADDIE.
—One day some years ago, when Her Majesty was standing on the public road near Balmoral, sketching the castle from a particular point, a flock of sheep approached. Her Majesty, being intent on her work, took little notice of the flock, and merely moved a little nearer the side of the road. A boy in charge of the sheep shouted at the top of a stentorian voice, "Stan' oot o' the road, 'oman, and lat the sheep gae by!" Her Majesty not moving out of the way quite so fast as the shepherd wished, he again shouted, "Fat are ye stan'in there for? Gang oot o' that, and lat the sheep pass!" One of Her Majesty's attendants, who had been at a distance, on hearing his royal mistress thus rudely assailed, went to the shepherd, and thus addressed him, "Do you know who it is you have been speaking so rudely to, boy?" "Na—I neither ken nor care; but, be she fa' she likes, she sudna be i' the sheep's road." "That's the Queen," said the official. The boy looked astonished, and, after recovering his senses, said, with great simplicity, "The Queen! Od, lat way disna she pit on claes that fouk can ken her?"

In the United States trade is reviving and commercial men and manufactures are hopeful for the future. A great many Nova Scotians of both sexes have lately left home to better their fortunes if possible in the States. It is unfortunate for this Province that all the "factories" of any size in the Dominion are located in Ontario. We buy their flour, mowers, reapers, rakes, brooms, scythes, etc., while they buy little or nothing from us in return.