

nevertheless so blinded and fascinated with the things of time,
as totally to exclude those of eternity.

These busy and care-worn countenances daily behold their friends and companions dropping around them, and they well know that the moving mass of life, of thought, of ambition and avarice that is before them, will soon compose a heap of dust, of which they themselves will form a part; but they cannot bear to dwell upon contemplations so terrible, or to think that all must quickly share in the scenes of that eternity, whose important interests fail in the passing hour to arrest a moment's attention. Now, this sad state of things arises from the neglect to impress on the mind of the child the principles of religion, and to train him to their practice. God is banished from their thoughts, the influence and reign of evil extends without opposition; and this, perhaps the last attempt of the Prince of darkness to regain his dominion over this lower world, appears for the time the most successful of his devices.

But though all at present seems dark and gloomy, and the powers of the earth are seen marching under his banner, he shall be humbled in the dust, and the Cross shall rise above every temporal and spiritual enemy. The struggle may be fierce and long, and perhaps generations may have to suffer