

nations," as "Prince of the kings of the earth.") The mind of man with all its wonderful powers and faculties. His heart with all its passions and affections. His body with all its various offices and functions. All living creatures, from the elephant to the smallest insect which flutters in the summer sun. All matter, to whatever kingdom, vegetable or mineral, it may belong. All the wealth which the land or the seas contain, whether to be found on their surface or in their depths. All the manifold and excellent uses to which matter can be turned by man's designing mind. All science, arts, discoveries. All providence with the whole of its machinery. All events, whether great or small; whether the rise or fall of empires, or the falling to the ground of sparrows; whether a Luther is to find a moth-eaten solitary Bible in a convent, or whether by that eventful Bible he is to change the whole current of the world's history. All this does the sceptre of Jesus embrace.

Let not our minds be shaken by the fact, that the time of the full consummation and carrying into full effect Christ's kingly power is not yet arrived. Christ is already this universal king both by the divine covenant and by conquest. But the ending of the contest is not yet come. It is a contest of a moral nature, and carried on, not by the putting forth of mere power, but by means moral and progressive, in a manner godlike and becoming the nature of God's moral government, in such a way as to give all his intelligent creation the opportunity of beholding and leisurely contemplating all the stately steps one by one by which God achieves his moral triumphs over sin and the works of the devil. Man may make haste with his imperfect works, but there is no need of haste or hurry in the plans of Him "who seeth the end from the beginning," "and with whom a thousand years are as one day."

The Bible tells us that the eyes of the angels behold with inquiring wonder and intense desire the manifestations of God's manifold wisdom as displayed in his dealings with the Church, Eph. iii. 9-11.

The world, yea even the whole animal creation, is yet groaning under the curse of sin, and panting for deliverance. The present is the time for the toil and tug of war. But it is a sweet consolation to know, that although they who are spending their strength for Christ, may not be on earth when the millennium comes, not one jot or tittle of their labours of faith and love shall go unrewarded. For it is a most cheering Bible truth, that "both he that soweth and he that reapeth rejoice together."