

cultivating meetness for a glorious immortality, of which the treasures shall still be possessed, and the laurels still worn, and the strains still celebrated, when these heavens and this earth shall have passed away, and no place is found for them.

I have thus performed, as I could, a service for which I freely acknowledge myself imperfectly qualified. Perhaps I should have let it alone ; but I have been often requested to state publicly my views regarding the religious tendencies of geology ; and I have an impression that the members of our churches should hear the sentiments of their ministers on all subjects which affect the interests of truth and godliness. I feel that I would do violence to my convictions of duty, and the yearnings of an affectionate solicitude, if I did not add a few words of weightier consequence. They are designed more especially for that most interesting section of society who are in the spring-time of life, and whose opening powers, with all their vitality and promise, are liable to be suddenly and fatally blasted. I may be excused if, in these parting sentences to them, I exchange indirect statement for direct ad-