

often of its bitter waters, that he no longer anticipates a fulfilment of its fair promises; and though he has enjoyed enough to make him very thankful, he has enjoyed too little to make him desire to tread the same path over again. He has learned that this world was never intended to afford a pleasant and permanent home, but only comfortable accommodations for a journey. He has ceased, therefore, to feel the strong attraction to earth, which health, and hope, and novelty, and youth, threw around him in early life. Faith, and hope, and desire, now reach forward towards that world

Whose fruits and streams
Are life and joy; where day eternal shines;
Where love, ineffable, immortal, reigns.

One of the objects of lawful pursuit by the Christian is the acquisition of wealth, with the intention of using it for worthy objects. And this is an object that often presents a fascinating aspect to the youthful mind, and becomes one of the strong cords that bind him to the world, if he is successful in the pursuit. When he first begins to recline upon the downy couch of affluence, and fawning friends multiply, and the fashionable world condescends to smile upon him, how distant and uninviting appears his home in heaven, and how terrible the passage thither! He can enter fully into the meaning of the Son of Sirach, when he says, *O death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that is at ease in his possessions; unto the man that hath prosperity in all things, and hath nothing to vex him.* But it will not be long before this man will find, that as he sinks deeper and deeper into his bed of down, it is underlaid by a bed of thorns. He will find that the apostle spoke true words when he said, *They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many*