Some prophet, like Jeremiah, should
then to the book of divine purposes,
and another of us might read the divine
sentences, "This go ye, now that she die.
It may not be a sentence, indication
of God's displeasure, as in the doom
of the false rebellious prophet Bona-
chan, which was denounced in our text. The
change the Lamia, is a happy and glorious
change to those who are prepared for
it. To live on the earth to enjoy the divine
blessings and to promote the honor
and glory of God, is an invaluable privi-
lege. But who can complain,
if it is the will of the most High, to transform
him from the wretched scene of pain
of earth, to the immeasurable perfect bliss
of heaven? Let us contemplate the
subject this day. This morning not as
an utterly forbidding and unendurable, but
as it is really is, beneficial or delightful.
ful, as it shall find us prepared or unprepared for its approach.

1. Let us contemplate the possibility of this event the present year.
2. This year we may die. There is nothing in the frail structure of our frame in the circumstances of the union of the soul with body, or the constitution of our residence on earth, that prevents this possible occurrence. There is no indication of assurance from our Almighty Author to the contrary. The fact that we have been continued through years after year does not affect the possibility, that we may be continued no longer. On the other hand, the event named of common life is one of the greatest uncertainties in the world. Life is suspended upon the finestest thread. And whilst there is but a single chance that can preserve it, there are thousands
to which it is constantly exposed which we are able to terminate it. We have no certainty of another year or another day. We know not what shall be on the morrow. Life itself is but a stranger that approaches for a little time and then cometh with away. Our journey is but a trifle in the wildness of unknown extent. Day by day, the wonder for that not knowing but that the next summit he reacheth will give him a view of the land beyond. So each day a year to which none look towards may introduce him to eternity beyond.

2. We infer the possibility of the idea from the fact that thousands of thousands have died the past year who at its commencement must have liked to like to live at any who now commenced a new year.
The coming revolution of the earth will be affected by the same force as the preceding; the same administration of the affairs of the world continues. These are the same causes of different death. The conclusion is therefore indubitable, that the coming year in all its general features, will be like the past that it may well be said the thing that hath been, is the thing that shall be, or there is no new thing under the firmament as there would be if the natural order of divine providence would be sustained by accidents, which it death should be held allegiance. The events of each putting back a month will remind the living that there is a time to die. To some of them the solemn or hourly hour had arrived.
3. If the present is like the past, hundreds of thousands will die this year. It is from the number of the living they will be taken. The class to which we belong, the first probability is that more or less of us will be taken. Should we attempt to allay any solicitude left it should be done by reflecting that the frame was one of the commonest of the last year or two. But we may need to reflect that it was also to us with all the rest, that the last year of their lives the same exception will occur to us. For ever or later, it is possible the present may be the exception.

Though we be young or not advanced beyond the maturity of life, the circumstances do not diminish the probability. The regimes of the dead and crowded with those who have
died in youth or middle age, indeed a vast majority of all who live beyond so far from arriving at three score and ten, (that is) full short of 20 years.

5. Though we live in health, happiness, we are no more secure from the sudden, unforeseen death. Could we examine the facts in the case, probably we should find a large part of sudden and unexpected deaths occur among the most healthy and sturdy.

6. Though we may be full of business and carrying on our commerce in all the principal sections of the globe, few our faiths which are read and more in all the ports of the known world. The solemn oath of our demands out of time, may leave all our affairs to be adjusted by executors or administrators, according to our own counsel.
all possible close of earthly concerns. With illustrations of this remark, those who are most conversant with the active and enterprising world, are most familiar.

7. The circumstances of having completed business a short time to return from its bustling turmoil, with the hope of enjoying the fruit of past labor, during the remainder of life in the society of friends I admired, to which childhood had attached us; or the remainder of our anchor the Render Laura delightful full. Possible as these considerations are to all, but the hurried, hurried, they have no weight with the common leader of men. (An) example not from to be forgotten (by some of my readers) which had occurred the last year corroborates this statement, May God grant that many not suffer.
without another. A want of preparation for the solemn change of worlds, does not affect the possibility of its occurrence. If it did not come till fully prepared, to welcome it, abide its consequences, how many would be a new house of security when which at present they conclude rely? When our forms and all the little forms are frustrated by disease, or some unforeseen event of providence is hurling us away the ground, I am not really, will he no expedite a kind; I that had them had been opportunity of participating can never be curbed by those who have arrived to years of manhood, when the deceased will of God in their company, do share their lives been under a mighty pressure of influences all combining to promotethem
to attend to this first great concern. Not to seek first the kingdom of God, but all things in his righteousness, by those who have enjoyed the many mercies of grace.

9. Though we deliberately delay preparation with a distinct apprehension of the far-reaching importance of things eternal over those that we deem temporal, my purpose above all the latter, still it is fearfully possible, that the event of death may happen even to me, the present year.

10. Though we be unwilling to give the subject a serious thought, lest its importance magnify as it is contemplated, I deem conscience going to the ascendency over the love of present and satisfying good, if the Spirit of God conjoined to lead that treatment of the subject which its importance demands. Still it is possible the unwelcome event to
to such an end.

11. Though men may strongly hope to the contrary, the fact is now the most probable one. The biases of opinion and desire of men which are formed irrespective of the revealed will of God, do not as we have any evidences influence the eternal principles of Jehovah’s administration. If he is in our mind of the caviler may ask who can turn him, he listen to theories that are opposed agreeably to his will, or regards the hopes of such as yield themselves to the laws of his government.

12. Finally, my dear friends, the truth we have formed extend through many years, by our Prowess and under a long succession of earthly joys. The present year may prove how fallacious are our expectations, Our plans may fail.
daily he sowed it, or if not, must be
 executed by others. Thus, "preparation
to the pleasant country, pleased to be realized
only in anticipation, our Savior
gave both the wonderful history of a vast
multitude. in the Parable in Mark
saying, the ground of a certain rich
man brought forth abundantly: a
thought
in heart within himself. saying, What
shall I do, because I have no room
where to bestow my fruits? And he
found this will I do: I will pull
down my barns, and build greater: I
then will I bestow all my goods.
And I will say to my soul, Soul,
Then hast much goods laid
up for many years; take thine ease;
eat, drink, and be merry. But God
said unto him, Then said he: this night
thy soul shall be required of thee;
thus where shall those beings be
which then lust provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, it is not rich toward God.

(II. Let us in the second place consider briefly, the important consequences that will follow if an event is a possible event, should we die this year.)

1. The first reflection that arises in the view of this subject is, that the consequences of death to any individual, are diametrically opposite according as his character is holy or unholy.

If any of this assembly should depart this life (the present year) unpardoned, unredeemed, they shall be forever cut off from the pleasantness of the present life. And if (any) little is not formed for the Judge of a better and holier world, what satisfaction would it afford (to us, were we) to be admitted there?
There is nothing in the light of reason, or revelation, that leads us to infer that the properties of a dead soul will not remain after the death of the body. If these are confined exclusively to the physical gratifications of this life after death, these sources of gratification are no longer continued. What must be the condition of such a soul after a single hour, much more 6000 years? What is most intangible and imperishable? Is it improbable that this may be one of the principles by which we are to be accounted to an immortal? And yet I lost sight forever of material and temporal things; and yet the exterminating and sublime delight of any man, what must be his situation in a world of misery? Desirable as is that condition, is this any conclusion?
to which either the light of nature or
the Gospel leads us, but that it must
be the situation such as shall be called
from the land of the living, in the
character, now supposed, be in the
period of a year.

1. There will be no pleasure to substi-
tute even for the inheritance one of
earth, or much less for the joys of heav-
in which will then be lost. As men
pass from object to object from one
pursuit to another, in search of pleas-
ure, with earth without success, there is some indica-
tion of these pains of old chagrinment in
the still remaining hope that they
shall yet attain it, but not as when
the aberration of this life is over, to the
man who has never sought his
treasures in the unseen. Even the joys
of hope will then have terminated
the anguish of an utter despair.
have exceeded them. All our hopes as to the present life will forever vanish. If we live for this world only, we should complete our earthly course the present season. I do think there was an admiring bond between expectations & experience. Every desire after earthly honors or pleasures, there is much that casts a gloom over their minds in this reflection.

3. Another of the consequences of the justification is, that we shall be heir and forever of all the means of salvation. This results from the nature of our probation. The means of grace are still as fails. Says the Apostle, we brought nothing into this world, it is certain we can enjoy nothing out. Then will he enjoy and rejoice in the grace, then the voice of Providence will no more he heard. Then the
the Holy Spirit is with them no
more, neither will the Gospel be
preached to the tenant of the ground.
This is the world in which the voice
of providence, the voice of the thieving
lusts, the voice of money, and
reward. (This is the ground"

When heaven is heard no more
When in the commission of a crime,
"The mortal makes the immortal man")

4. Another consequence deducible direct-
ly from the preceding (it can be hidden
in it) is, that all false helps of heaven
will eternally consist. They cannot be united
with the light. Knowledge of the older
tribes and pricks of no expectation can
remain of attaining to felicity, to
the first priest's satisfaction that went
deliberately neglected, yet, more
that was neglected against motion,
against incorruption, against eternity.
in opposition to the richest list of plans of raising how I medley, I in spite of threatening & the disquietude of the Almighty. It is repugnant to our best reason, to suppose the Rules of the universe capable of more fulfilling as is implied in the suppositions that he has placed men on probation on earth, & held out the promise of heaven, giving a bliss to those who love obey him. I trembled with the penalty of eternal death, much as seem or only neglect his great salvation. Yet all this is marked by his purpose of extending the day of grace beyond the grave & rendering the miseries of the lost otherwisely, so that at some indefinite period in eternity they may accept the promised they rejected on earth. The duration if true, would move them in my blindness of the
in the forenoon of the M Merrbut, it would prove to alter the divine decree, no action that there is no work, knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave.

But the Lord, then, is another word of consequence, as that may be depending upon the possible occurrence of this new year. If any of you should die this year, renewed by divine grace, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, you would also quit the pleasures of the present life, but you will exchange them for the joys of eternal life. You will be taken from the place you have formed, with difference to the divine will, to bless mankind. I to extend the kingdom of Christ on earth, but you leave yours in the hands of one that...
will never die. I who will not fail to see them completed if it is best, and otherwise you cannot decide. Indeed, London trees will be humbler, but you know that a blasted remnant will also endure. You will leave your present business, but it will be to engage in higher, nobler pursuits.

The streams of your benevolence will be born in the instant, but they will from henceforth again in deeper, broader channels. This earth may cease to be the theatre of your influence, but who shall say that the universe may not then become the theatre of your actions? As eternity will be the measure of your existence? You shall also have perpetual spirits for your society, and the ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands.
...
fellow being, (not these bonds hand
been died in our clime) What an unusual
sight I have seen sent as in a moment
to a country groaned by the fierce torment.

Deax friends these are matters of fact if
they cannot home to us. [For] many of
them in how known familiarity, they
are solemn events, a will effect them
forever. Some who have marvelously
outlived the storm, have since been
corrected by death, so the body trained
to combat that enemy, I trust fully in

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That some of us have entered when
our last year. The fundamental
system of

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But who is it that
has begun the last year of his life? Is it
the breaker, or his health, or both? God
only knows. How dreadful is the
thought of being overtaken by this great
unparalleled. Let us not say, ‘This year
at us,
for many months’ but rather add to
from our thoughts to the constant plea-
tures of the present life. Let our
care be, to be prepared. For my advice
is great. Most rational of all to see
so late, towards the end of the year,
our happiness or otherwise, and adjust
it. Shall it wound our feelings or
make our griefs augment still.
2. How pleasing the thought of the
wealth, industrially? How the con-
sequences (if we are true believers in
Christ) that eternal salvation may
be so near! The years that are
past, how quickly fled: they
successors will come at last, the
time of
ear. The present year and doubtful
are two, will quickly come.
My dear Barnes, standing upon
the Threshold of a new year,
impregnated with the uncertainties of
the future, let me exhort you
to praise and adore the Author of our
Holy Religion, that it is capable of
giving to all that embrace it,
the sweetest comfort in first
of all trials, when we are
troubled, or in sickness, or
in distress, or in any way
ever since the triumphs of
the fear of death is the greatest
as it is the greatest of
the darkness and the unknown.
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The only is my Rock x my Salvation. (Ps. 62:5, 6, 7.)
Ps. 46:1, 2, 3.

And whilst we thus rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation, let us heed the exhortation. What shall my hands find to do, saith the wise, for there is no work, knowledge, wisdom, or device in the grave.

(Pratt)
My soul waiteth for the Lord, for my salvation is from him.  
He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my hope,  
in God is my strength.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of need;  
that will make us not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea,  
though the waters thereofombo and be troubled,  
though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty,"  
and  
my soul and his shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will sing of the Lord,  
He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
One who, for a season, ministered at the altar now fleeth in death.
Another, endeared to those who knew him by many virtues, has passed away. He will return to his home no more. One who had spent many years in China, I was near at the commencement of the last year, and whose character as a man and a Christian is deserving personal remembrance...
Prayer

1. Adoration & Praise -
   Praise for the goodness of God in the past year. In reviewing
   our lives & supplying our wants - Pray for His blessing
   to nations, in fruitful years.
   Pray for the forgiveness of
   sins, renewal, & effect of
   new life in us.

2. Confession of sins,
   personal & national -
   prayer for pardon that
   God would turn away
   our injuries.

3. Supplications for our
Medical Mission in China.

To

SIR,

The honor of your company is respectfully requested at Exeter Hall, (Room No. 6,) on Thursday the 15th instant, at Seven o’Clock, p. m., to meet a number of Medical and other Gentlemen, who have expressed an interest in the objects of the Medical Missionary Society in China, to deliberate upon the best measures for promoting in this country, the designs of that Society.

In the absence of the President, T. R. Colledge, M.D.

(Signed)

[Signature]

Vice-President.

London, July 12th, 1841.