that you have, notwithstanding many weaknesses, continued in the way to this very day.

I say, right glad am I, of this thing, and that for mine own sake and yours; I have sowed, and you have reaped: and the day is coming when “both he that soweth and they that reap shall rejoice together,” John iv. 36, that is, if you hold out; “for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not,” Gal. vi. 9. The crown is before you, and it is an incorruptible one; so run that ye may obtain it, 1 Cor. ix. 24–27. Some there be that set out for this crown, and after they have gone far for it, another comes in and takes it from them: “Hold fast, therefore, that you have; let no man take your crown,” Rev. iii. 11. You are not yet out of the gun-shot of the devil; “you have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” Let the kingdom be always before you, and believe steadfastly concerning things that are invisible. Let nothing that is on this side the other world get within you. And above all, look well to your own hearts, and to the lusts thereof; for they are “deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” Set your faces like a flint; you have all power in heaven and earth on your side.

CHR. Then Christian thanked him for his exhortation, but told him withal, that they would have him speak further to them for their help the rest of the way; and the rather, for that they well knew that he was a prophet, and could tell them of things that might happen unto them, and also how they might resist and overcome them. To which request Faithful also consented. So Evangelist began as followeth.

EVAN. My sons, you have heard in the word of the truth of the gospel, that you must “through many tribulations enter into the kingdom of heaven;” and again, that “in every city bonds and afflictions abide you;” and therefore you cannot expect that you should go long on your pilgrimage without them in some sort or other. You have found something of the truth of these testimonies upon you already, and more will