

condition. What joy then to have at length traced out an infinite good, an accomplished beauty which wins forever its affections without dread of its blissful raptures being troubled or interrupted by one single unsatisfied desire!"

"God is the light which illuminates the Saints, the glory that surrounds them, the life that animates them, the eternity, in fine, which establishes them in a glorious, heavenly repose."

"In the holy Jerusalem above there shall not be error because we are to see God, nor misery for we shall enjoy Him, nor fear nor solitude because we are to dwell in Him forever!"

I might furthermore bring to bear on this subject many other quotations from the great orator, for Bossuet seems to take a peculiar delight in alluding frequently throughout his writings, to the glory of the elect. But let us rather take another order of ideas, for I find that the best means of unraveling the delights of heaven is to depict the miseries of the earth. There above, *an ocean of happiness!* here below, *a few drops of joy!* upon earth says the inspired one, we rejoice but with trembling. Here below we long for rest, but time bears us on in its impetuous course, and we thus are made the prey of our own duration.

"Is there one amongst us that does not sigh for repose? Whether we till the soil, or navigate on the seas, or traffic on land, or fight under the standard, or adulate and flatter in the court—we all remotely at least, aspire to repose."

"No man of sense lives but destines for himself a place of retreat and rest: a place to which he looks forward from afar off, as the part in which he shall take refuge when baffled by contrary winds. And yet this refuge we plan and prepare against the caprice of chance and fortune, is even itself of their domain; and however keen and piercing our foresight, we can never reasonably assume to rule their whimsical reverses. When we shall have multiplied our precautions and laid deep our plans against one quarter of assault, ruin may even then come to us from another. When we shall have made sure of the surroundings, the edifice may still