Matthew XIII. 38: There always has been & always will be, a great difference between the righteous & the wicked —

1. I shall aim to show you in the first place, that both the righteous & the wicked in the present life, are constantly approximating a state of repose for their future and final destiny — (They are both growing)

2. Those two characters originally occupied the same ground & sustained the same relationship to God — The original sin which has been entailed upon the whole human race, McVeagh says, is both imputed & inherent — The transgression of our first father is so far reckoned upon his posterity as to render them in a measure, guilty before God —

In addition to this, we bring us into the world an impulse nature —
2. But the children of the kingdom have recovered from their fallen condition, by embracing the merciful provisions of the Gospel —

3. But the children of the wicked one, are those who are born unholy and unclean. (The artist, the three nations)

4. These two characters are growing up together — They occupy the same field —

5. We shall consider, in the next place, why the Almighty allows this admixture of character to coexist in the present life —

1. To accord with a state of probation —

2. That they may profit by each other example — Ye are the light of the world, the salt of the earth. Many a national calamity has been averted by —

III. The final destiny of the wheat and the tares —