

8 Aug. 1887.

William

Dear Father,

I have recd your letter with the sketches enclosed & will attend to them soon. I do not quite know whether the sketches of Rome will be sufficiently accurate to reproduce; but the mediterranean I can manage of course. I hope you are pointing out that Rome is just the place to turn into a lake of fire!

Dr Parsons while here lectured on the Dispensations, showing how each one has ended in judgement with a way of escape made for the few. It would be out of all parallel if it were different with the present dispensation, as even the Millennium itself ends in a revolt put down by fire from heaven. He attributes the fact of

so many having lost the clear hope
of Christ's return, to their having lost
to begin with the thought of Christ
as a risen, living person; and it
is true that far too little is said
about this. It is more & more
striking to see the resemblance of
these last days, to the days of Noah,
as Christ pointed out. All the
progress in art & science, all the "mod-
ern improvements" just as then;
people looking to progress, civilization,
& culture, as the forces that are
to renovate the world; and quite
forgetting the promise of His coming.
I have been much impressed with the
exhortation to the individual in Rev:
16; 15, as a parallel to Matt: 11; 28
where Jesus turns to the individual on
seeing that His people as a nation will
reject Him.

many thanks again for your kindness
in speaking to Sir F. Stephen about me.
"with + patience" must be my motto at present.
Your affectionate son, Willie