**time** *absolutely indivisible.*

**at** (literally, **in**, as part of the events of) **the last**  
**trumpet-blowing**] The word **last** must  
obviously not be refined upon as some have  
done, identifying it with the *seventh trumpet*of the Apocalypse;—nor pressed too  
closely as if there were necessarily no trump  
after it,—but is *the trump at the time of  
the end*, **the last trump**, in a wide and  
popular sense. See 1 Thess. iv. 16.

**we**] So also the Apostle speaks in 1 Thess.  
iv. 15,—“*We that are alive, and remain  
to the coming of the Lord,*” in which  
number he firmly believed that he himself  
should be: see 2 Cor. vi. ff., and notes.

**53.**] Confirmation of the last words,  
by a re-statement of the necessity of putting   
on incorruptibility and immortality.

**this corruptible ... this mortal**]  
**this** indicating *his own* body. Compare  
on the figure of *putting on*, 2 Cor. v. 3  
and notes.

**54.**] **But when**, &c. is  
repetition, in a triumphant spirit, of the  
description of the glorious change.

**55.**] TRIUMPHANT EXCLAMATION *of the  
Apostle, realizing in his mind that glorious  
time;* expressed nearly in the terms of the  
prophetic announcement of Hosea, xiii. 14,  
which the Septuagint renders, “‘ Where is  
thy cause, O Death? where is thy sting,  
O Hadés?” The figure of death as a  
*venomous beast* is natural, from the *serpent*,  
Gen. iii. Num. xxii.—The souls in Hadés  
being freed by the resurrection, Death’s  
victory is gone: sin being abolished by the  
change of the animal body (the source of  
sin) to the spiritual, his sting is powerless.

**56.**] See above: and compare Rom.  
v. 12, and vii.

**57.**] For this blessed consummation   
of victory over death, he breaks  
out in thanks to God, who gives it to us  
(*present,* as being certain) through our  
Lord Jesus Christ (the Name in full, as  
befits the solemnity and majesty of the  
thanksgiving).

**58.**] *Conclusion of the  
whole by an earnest exhortation.*

**Wherefore**—seeing that the victory is  
sure.

**stedfast, unmoveable**] a climax:  
—in reference, viz. to the doubt which is  
attempted to be raised among you on this  
matter.

**in the work of the Lord**]  
The *work of the Lord is the Christian*