14. “Now his head and his hair were white as white wool, as  
snow; and his eyes as a flame of fire.”

These piercing eyes discover to us Jesus’ power to  
read the secrets of the heart; as the sword out of His  
mouth shows His power to destroy those whom His eyes  
convict. On the human eye shines a point of light,  
which shifts as the rays fall on it. Here there is light  
in a stream darted forth from within. Naught shall be  
concealed at last. Believe it, Christians!  
 *But the priest has no censer:* for he is only walking  
amidst the lamps, not trimming them. The book before  
us exhibits the *lamps’ responsibility to burn*, not Christ’s  
to tend them.

15. “And his feet (were) like fine brass, glowing with fire, as in  
a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

The further description contained in this verse corresponds with that of the angel who appeared to Daniel.  
 This seems, I think, designed to teach us, that there is  
a great resemblance also in the *subjects* of Daniel and of  
Revelation.

16. “And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his  
mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance  
(was) as the sun shineth in his strength.”

This seems quite destructive of the democratic idea of  
church government: as if all power proceeded from the  
members of the Church, who are supposed to possess  
authority to constitute their presiding minister, and to  
cashier him when they please. The angels are held by  
Christ, as appointed and sustained by Him. They are  
dependent on Him, and accountable to Him. The  
charge concerning the state of each Church is given to  
them, as though He held them responsible. But His  
power over them is supreme. He holds them in His  
hand. As one has well said—“If they be faithful,  
none can *pluck* them out of His hand: if unfaithful,  
none can *deliver* them out of it.”