

the Lord, as to secure the esteem of men, the approbation of your own heart, and the final plaudit of your judge.

We heartily congratulate the *people* over whom the Holy Ghost has made you an *Overseer*, in the gift *they* herein receive from the ascended enthroned Saviour, and in the agreeable prospect which hereby opens to their view.

May the same pious zeal, decency and order, love and unanimity, with which they have conducted this important affair, attend all their religious concerns for the future ; and may no disappointment interrupt their joy or frustrate their hope. May a kind Providence protect and prosper them in their secular affairs—and under the divine culture, in the ministration of the gospel, may religion in its purity and power flourish among them ; and they be increased with all the increase of God : And finally may *minister* and *people* rejoice together in the day of the Lord Jesus. *AMEN.*

