

S E R M O N .

2 COR. xiii. 11.

“ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace ; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”

ACTS xx. 32.

“ And now, brethren, I commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified.”

MY BRETHREN,—The Great Author of our being hath formed us for happiness, and hath so disposed and arranged the various objects of nature, that they all minister to our enjoyment. But these are all fragile and fleeting, and may “perish in a night ;” and uninterrupted happiness is not the portion of man here below. We are taught to look for it only in heaven, and are constantly reminded by the changes that are taking place, that “we are sojourners in a strange land,” where we have no “abiding place,” and warned to keep our eyes steadily fixed on that “city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God,” as our final resting place and home.