

Jesus, who pleased not Himself in things that never could be wrong, and this for the sake of His weak sinful brethren of earth.

EDIFICATION. EDIFYING. BUILDING. The words remind me that there is a *material* as well as a spiritual work that calls for the united efforts of this congregation. It is to us one of the *essential* things that requires *unity*. That is an *edifying* in a very literal sense which I cannot forget, and you will, I hope, excuse my putting you in mind of it to-day. I do earnestly hope that something may soon be done towards *this* building which God has entrusted to us. I wished to say something on this important matter, but I have exceeded my limits and already too long taxed your indulgence. I have now only to pray that you will think over the Apostle's words, and in your public and your private life this year, that you may "*follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another,*" that we shall all work together as Christian men and women should work, trying always to find out not how and where we differ, but how and where we agree, and then I believe our work, which will be a labor of love in every sense of the word, love for our common Lord and love for one another, will prosper and progress, for we shall have the Blessing of God over us, and the Grace of Christ with us, and the Holy Spirit in us.