

for what they contain of a commendable character. Omitting the words "clergyman," "laymen," and "laity," the reader will find in the following much to approve:—

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A WORD OF EXHORTATION TO MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH.

We extract from the Home and Foreign Record, the following solemn and affecting remarks from the pen of the venerable Dr. Archibald Alexander of Princeton, it being better adapted to benefit our readers than anything it is in our power to spread before them. The exhortation will tell on the hearts of hundreds of ministers, who ascribe to Dr. A. under God a large portion of their usefulness, and of thousands of laymen to whom his name is dear, and to whom his memory will be precious.

"In the close, I would address myself to the ministers and members of the Presbyterian church, knowing that I must soon put off this my tabernacle. Dear brethren, suffer the word of exhortation from an aged minister, now on the confines of another world, whose chief regret on the retrospect of a long life is, that he has done so little, in rescuing immortal souls from impending ruin. His days of active exertion are nearly ended, and he, having now no other means of doing much for this blessed cause, would earnestly and affectionately call upon his younger brethren in the ministry, and those preparing for this sacred office, to "work while it is day;" *to preach the word*, being "instant in season and out of season, reproving, rebuking, and exhorting." How great will be your honor and reward, if when you appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, you can say, "Here am I and the children thou hast given me." But on the other hand, how dreadful to have the voice of blood, the blood of souls lost through your neglect, sounding in your ears! By the love of a dying Saviour, I entreat you, be in earnest in your exertions to pluck sinners as brands from the burning. And you must not only be zealous, but wise, "to win souls."—You have skill to cast the gospel net in the right place, and so to bait the gospel hook that sinners may be brought home to God. Deserve the title of "Fishers of men." Be not afraid, my young brethren, to go wherever God in his providence calls you. Go to the heathen; go to Oregon, to California, to the swarming population of our north western and south western States. Be ready as good soldiers, to endure hardships for Christ. In this warfare, "count not your own lives dear, so that you may finish your course with joy, and the ministry which