

you will possess the advantages resulting from his counsel and other assistance. We, therefore, trust that all proper diligence and zeal will be manifested, on the part both of ministers and people, in endeavoring, in connexion with him, to carry out such measures as may be adopted, from time to time, for the advancement of the cause of Christ. For, however excellent our economy; however numerous and experienced our laborers, nothing great can be effected, unless the ministers and people are combined, and faithful in the performance of the duties of their respective stations.

In conclusion, we would exhort our brethren in the ministry who have so recently united with us, to contemplate the important charge committed to them; the extensive field of labor that is opened before them; and the glorious reward awaiting those who are faithful in the work of saving souls. But, brethren, remember that, though the trials connected with your work are neither few nor light, your supports and encouragements are more numerous and powerful. With these considerations in view, go forth in the strength of the Lord; and in the discharge of the duties of your sacred office, endeavor to feed the flock of God, of which you have the oversight, and to bring sinners to the Saviour. And to the members we would say, seeing you are called with an holy calling, and placed under the most solemn obligations, as the light of the world, and the salt of the earth, endeavor, by all possible means, to glorify God. And as the success of ministers depends in so great a degree, on the co-operation of the people, bear up the hands of your ministers, and labor to promote the object for which they spend their strength.

Praying that God may be with you all, both ministers and people, rendering you more abundantly successful than heretofore, we commend you to God and the word of his grace; trusting that he will keep you to the end, and give you an inheritance among the sanctified. AMEN.

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