

I end as I began ; I am not sanguine ; I entertain but little hope that all, or anything that I have said will be of use. I wish I could have spoken better and to better purpose. Perhaps it would have been better if I had spoken less, or less plainly ; but when the heart is full, the mouth will speak, and mine, at least, will speak out. I have not refrained, and never will refrain, from telling you your duties and dangers, your failings and shortcomings ; openly, or privately, as the occasion may require and justify. And if in return I receive no thanks, but, as it may be, the reverse, I have the testimony of my conscience that, next to my care and concern for your people, and, let me add, not the least for the poor men of color, I have no greater desire than to be useful and acceptable to you. In a few days (if it so please God) I shall have left you, and I never left you with greater pain and reluctance ; not for any comfort or gratification I have had, or should expect to have, more than usual (God knoweth), but because I perceive and feel more than ever before your need of succour and sympathy, of help, direction and superintendence. I can only hope and pray that God Himself, our Heavenly Father, will be, and do, all this and more for you and your people ; or raise up, if it be His blessed will, a more worthy instrument than myself, for the promotion of these and all His holy and gracious purposes, in and by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.