

and by endeavouring to gather in the outcasts, till all are redeemed. Tell to all around and to "the generation following," especially to your children, what God has done in and by Methodism.

Be joyful and confident in the prospect of the future. Be diligent and faithful, and you have nothing to fear. "They shall prosper that love Jerusalem." Past and present blessings are a pledge for future. The happy lives and triumphant deaths of our fellow-citizens, in every age and climate, since the erection of the City, should animate and encourage us. God has been "the help" of his people "in ages past," and is our glorious hope for years to come. He will never leave nor forsake us or our beloved Zion. Our "tabernacle shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken."—"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion." We are called to hope and triumph, not despond or fear. Our enemies are mighty, but we have a strong City; and "the best of all is, God is with us." He has caused his work to appear unto his servants, and will disclose his glory unto their children. His beauty shall continue upon us; he will graciously establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands he will gloriously prosper. He calls us to be joyful in Him, as our king; and assures us of the universal diffusion and triumphs of his Gospel. His right hand and his holy arm will subdue the people under Him, and scatter his foes as dust before the whirlwind. "Great is the holy One of Israel in the midst of us;" and greatly should we "cry out and shout."—Trusting in the blood of the everlasting covenant, we have nothing to fear. Our toils and conflicts—our light and momentary afflictions shall soon be succeeded by a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. "Alleluia: the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." And "this God shall be our God for ever: He will be our guide even unto death."

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

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