

this country, a work beset with unusual perplexities, embarrassed by most serious hindrances. We must, then, address ourselves to it in a manly, sober, patient spirit—in a spirit of courage and self-denial—in the fear of God and in the love of man; praying Him, who is the great object of our worship, to teach us to worship Him in spirit and in truth—to offer to Him, in its due harmony, in its fitting proportions, the service of spirit, soul, and body; to give us a right judgment in all things; to save us from blindly or wilfully surrendering ourselves to those strong currents of opinion, which are ever setting in towards one extreme or another, wasting their strength in alternate deviations to the right hand and to the left; and to enable us steadily to keep, for our little time, that middle course, in which we may most surely and safely advance his blessed purposes, serving truly and faithfully, under our Great Head, “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”