

I have already trespassed too long upon your time and patience, and, therefore, shall be very brief in what I have to say concerning the late Pastor of this Flock. That he was a man of great natural abilities and extensive learning, is unquestionable; and it is but justice to his memory, to say, that he seemed to bend all his studies, and to apply all his erudition, profound and multifarious as it was, to the searching of the Scriptures, and to the composition of Sermons, to be delivered from this place, for your edification. Profit, therefore, by the advices and admonitions which he hath often given you from this Pulpit, with great ability and zeal.

Imitate the virtues of every man in a publick station; for the sake of charity cast a veil over the failings incident to our frail nature; and leave the faults which you may think to have been committed, to the judgment of an unerring God; and be careful for yourselves, to be found of our Lord in peace, at his second coming.

To conclude: Your own experience, my Friends, will tell you, that in this world, there is but little real satisfaction, and no stability. Let this reflection, therefore, quicken you in your progress to that City which hath foundations, "whose maker and builder is God."

Be, therefore, true followers of your heavenly master, wean your hearts and affections from this vain and fleeting world, and place them upon the unfading treasures of the next. If thus you live, you shall at last pass over the gloomy vale of death, free from fear and from danger, for the Lord himself will protect and support you. And when, at last, you shall awaken from the dust of the earth, at the sound of the last Trump, you shall, in presence of Men and Angels, and all the Company of Heaven, hear that most joyful voice, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World."

Which God, of His infinite Mercy, grant, &c.