

enhance the joy of angels, and which the Redeemer sees of the travail of His soul and is satisfied. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Let us emulate our Fathers in the simplicity of their Christian character, and in the manliness of their moral courage; and armed, like them, with the panoply of truth and righteousness, wage war against error and sin in every form,— "warning every man, and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

In your part of the field, as in all others, many adverse influences will be found to withstand the truth. But Jesus, whom you preach, has all power in heaven and in earth, and although the fashion of this world, and the *gods* of this world may oppose, wide and effectual doors shall be opened. In the faithful improvement of your opportunities, you will continue to find an amount of success which will amply reward all your toils; and, although you may not witness all the good you seek, you shall "rejoice in the day of Christ" that you "have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Then "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." You have, already, the earnest of this reward.

In the union, consolidation, and extension of your work, our long-cherished anticipations are realized. The Giver of peace, and Lover of concord is evidently smiling upon you. We trust that you will still maintain unity of spirit in the bond of peace; and, doubtless, the God of Abraham will still bless you and make you a blessing.

As you have sympathised in our sorrows, you will rejoice to learn that days of peace and joy are now restored to us. During the past year we have endeavoured faithfully to preach repentance, faith, and holiness; our people have sought a deeper acquaintance with scriptural religion, the Spirit of God has moved upon our congregations and schools, and amongst our young people there have been instances of conversion as decided and as lovely in their fruit as ever characterized any age of the Christian Church.