

greater uncertainty as to the future as years roll on. As on the former occasion I left the Senior, so now I leave the Junior Archdeacon in charge. I have to thank you for the affectionate confidence you have ever reposed in me, as well as, in the name of our common Lord and Master, for the zeal with which you labour in your several spheres in winning souls.

The links which bind us to each other are, I trust, increasing. There is a growing unity in the work of God over the world. Christians now take in a wider survey, they look across dividing oceans and take in the scattered children of God at a glance. There is unity of life, there is unity of prayer, as we are experiencing this week.

The links, too, which unite us to another world are surely also increasing. How blessed to be engaged in a profession and calling so closely connected with treasure growing in heaven! It is to "present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" at the last day that we preach and warn. How high the aim—how bright the jewels which are to form part of Christ's crown! Labour, then, with that eternity ever in view, that so, "whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." And whether in the survey of the past, or in the blessed anticipation of the future, may our prayer ever be, that God would shortly accomplish the number of His elect and hasten His kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of His