

the result, under God, of wise administration and government, together with, I trust I may say, the faithful labours of our missionaries. To carry on what has thus, under a kind Providence, successfully progressed, no moderate exertion, no sparing of self, nothing of the *otium cum dignitate* can be indulged in through the future. But, my brethren, while I thus speak, I desire to remember that it is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts; by this alone can blessed results and a happy consummation be attained. Our help cometh of the Lord, who made heaven and earth: our strength is not of man, nor flesh our arm; but thine hand and thine arm, O God, and the light of thy countenance, in showing favour unto us. Let us then proceed, mindful our dependance on divine power,—God's gracious aid. Let us live, impressed by dispensations, admonished by the vicissitudes of life, prepared for the issues of time, and all that time in its issues may evolve, knowing that though many devices be in the hearts of men, "the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

And now, dear brethren, in relation to the solemn duty to which we have further to acquit ourselves this day, in the election of an Assistant Bishop, "look ye out such an one" as the instructions of God's Word clearly indicate. And may He, who brought again from dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, (the Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls,) by the blood of the everlasting covenant, guide our judgments, and influence our hearts to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.