

with God, have revealed those graces and have adorned that doctrine by a holy conversation. In a large degree, the Bible makes its impress on the world by thus delineating character. It urges those who would attain eternal life to "be followers of them, who, through faith and patience, have inherited the promises." It sustains us as we seek to run the Christian race, by the experience and example of that long life of worthies, "who obtained a good report and died in faith, confessing that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." It fastens our attention on good men everywhere, both in their living and in their dying, as it bids us "mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

It is this peculiarity of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, especially as it is embodied in the passage which I have chosen as the text—to which I would direct attention now; to the intent that, in gaining a just conception of the character which is therein described, and by contemplating its peaceful exit from the world, we may, this day, be led to an increase of earnestness in "pressing toward the mark for the prize of our high calling."