

Among all the instructions that we received from him, I know none, which he was at more pains to rivet upon our attention, than the utter vanity and inutility, of trusting to a death bed repentance. And, surely, if recent events in this City, have not convinced us of the truth of his representation, we must be utterly deaf to the voice of reason, and hardened against all the admonitions of Providence.

Brethren, and fellow Christians, the loss which we have sustained, must be particularly felt in the peculiar circumstances of this congregation; separated as we are, by an immense ocean, from the Mother Church, and enjoying little opportunity of receiving her maternal advice and assistance. The best resolution that we can form, is to follow the advice of our dying pastor. "See that ye fall not out by the way." Let us receive these words, and the illustration that he gave us of them, as the legacy of our Father and Benefactor. Let us act upon them with all our hearts. Then by the assistance and direction of our heavenly Protector, we may expect to weather the storms of that tempestuous sea, upon which we are embarked.

Hear also, to the same purpose, the words of the great apostle: † "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient

† 1st, Thess. V. 14.

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