

observed throughout the discourse, (if worthy of the name); that I have simply preached to you about the *same*ness of Jesus Christ, and not about either my coming in amongst you, or my going out. The desire of my heart is that you *all* may be saved; and I would not lose this *last* opportunity, by any means, of shewing you the beauty of the Lord and endeavouring to draw you with the cords of love unto him. God Almighty grant that, I may one day, and at no very future day, behold the fruit of my labours in this place; and that I may have, as my joy and crown of rejoicing, the happy privilege of beholding many of you, especially the teachers and scholars of our Sabbath School, around the throne of our one common Father in heaven. Who can conceive the joy, or describe the exultation of a Minister of Christ, upon meeting, in the Home beyond, first one and then another of his earthly flock, for whom, perhaps he has often struggled in prayer, and devoted much of his time and thought! A surprise awaits us *all* beyond the grave! Not the pastor only, but the people. Christ shall gather together His jewels from every part of the world, and not one of them shall be lost. It will be a meeting to part no more! This formed, no doubt, a part of "the joy of Jesus" when bidding farewell to His disciples, and encouraging their troubled hearts by His own personal preparation of mansions for them in glory! This too, I fervently pray, will form the joy of *him*, who these many, many years, hath ministered unto you in this town, and will, I trust, continue so to do, until he is ready to utter the triumphant language of St. Paul—"I have fought a *good* fight; I have *finished* my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of glory which the Lord shall give me in that day."

Finally, brethren, farewell! Remember "Jesus Christ, the *same* yesterday, to-day, and for ever." Look upwards and onwards through the veil, and through the gloom, to His immutable throne of righteousness, around which may we all gather in His infinite mercy, and unite in praising Him throughout eternity.

I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, who is able to build you up and preserve you from falling. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of *one mind*, live in *peace*; and the God of love and peace shall be with you and yours; and when the *Chief Shepherd* shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that

"FADETH NOT AWAY!" AMEN.