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Christian sympathy. Knit together in the bonds of the gospel,—bonds which strengthen the ties of human friendship,—in the prospect of separation, they will feel that anguish of spirit, which results from the rending asunder ties, which bind them to objects with whose existence, their own seems inseparably entwined. Fain would THEY retain him among them, to tell them more of the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, and instruct them more fully in the power and the excellency of divine truth ; and they will now remember with deep regret, the seasons and opportunities they have allowed to slip away without suitable improvement. Fain would HE remain with them, to tell them of the love of God, and be the means of imparting to them the grace of his Spirit, and laying before them important views of the scheme of salvation. But now, that he has no opportunity, by instruction, or counsel, or reproof, to be of further benefit to them, the condemning remembrance of his own insufficiency, will awaken the unavailing wish to recal many a neglected opportunity of warning and exhorting some, and of encouraging and comforting others. But though his ministrations to them must cease, yet his best wishes and his prayers will go with them. He may not be able to serve them any longer in the way he would wish, yet there is One who can do all things for them, and to God and the word of his grace he commends them.