

apart with such suitable preparation for ordaining the heralds of the Cross. They go forth on their work and errand, to commence their labours, and open their high commission, with that which was the burden of the angelic announcement, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men."

Whatever, too, is gained by numbers, associated together with the same object and at the same time, is secured. It is the season most universally selected for the purpose over the face of England. In almost every cathedral the same solemn work is advancing this morning, and very large will be the multitude of preachers sent forth to-day, added to the number of those who are already witnesses for the Redeemer.* If, then, there be any efficacy in united prayer—in many voices urging the same entreaty on the ear of the Most High; if, even when two or three agree together as touching any petition that they present, there is a corresponding promise of an answer from above, then have we every reason to expect that some blessing may be poured out upon us in answer to the supplications offered, not only by those ordained, but by those connected with them, by family ties, or friendship, or ministerial bonds.

* By the returns of the week, the number reported was 293. Allowing for some omissions and including a few ordinations on the preceding Sundays and those abroad, the total would amount to more than 400.