

And now, in closing this discourse, and applying it to those before me, I trust the circumstances in which we are placed will justify the public manner in which I first of all address you, the immediate and beloved relatives of the deceased. You have lost indeed the kind parent, the judicious, affectionate guide of your youth, and the invaluable friend of your riper years. In him how many most interesting offices were united? He was at once the father and instructor; the social companion and christian brother. How many tender sentiments doth the recollection of him awaken in your bosoms to embalm his memory and enhance your loss! But blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, you need not "sorrow as those who have no hope." It often happens that the very circumstances which require of us the strongest sympathy and means of consolation, deprive us at the same time of the capacity of employing those means of evincing our compassionate regard. What human voice could comfort you? What earthly prospect compensate your loss? But you have a strong consolation in the assurance of his immortality of glory and honor before the face of his Saviour Jesus Christ, and in your expectation of meeting him there. It was his firm persuasion, expressed at his last hour most distinctly, and as of long standing, that christian friends and associates will recognize each other in the mansions of rest and joy whither he hath gone. This expectation is fully confirmed by those views to which in the foregoing remarks we have been led. It is rather my duty and that of your friends and this assembly, to congratulate you, and join in thanksgiving to "the Giver of every good gift and every perfect gift," that you share in this hope; that you all are partakers and professors of the same precious faith which consoled and supported him, and that from sickness and absence you were all brought to witness its effects at his departure. Oh! sully not then so bright a prospect by unavailing grief and tears. Let your joy be complete in Jesus, and live so as to secure the fulfilment of that pleasing anticipation, that when Jesus cometh, you and he who "is not lost but gone before," may be "caught up together, and be for ever with the Lord."

Let us also his brethren in office and the members of this church, endeavor by increased fidelity, affection and activity, to supply the lack of service occasioned by his removal from amongst us, and by faithful fervent prayer to the Head and ruler of the Church, to obtain others, many and equal, who may more than fill up his vacant place.

Let me urge on those to whom he spake in kindness and faithful-