

regenerated, and who can calculate the result even of one soul being ransomed from the kingdom of darkness, and introduced into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Who can look forward through the vista of coming ages, and contemplate the effects of the perpetual and ever-encreasing power of moral good, all resulting from this one act of regeneration, which we have been, however unworthy, instrumental in achieving. Let Christians then reflect upon these things—let them seek to breathe in this celestial atmosphere—let them realize the grand end of the mysterious scheme of human redemption—let them habitually feel that they are part and parcel in the accomplishment of this end; not merely the witnesses of God's moral perfections, but the lights of the world, the seed destined to impregnate the whole surrounding mass, with the heaven of immortality, and then will they know it to be a blessed privilege to give according to, yea, and beyond their power. Then will they give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver, and God will make all grace to abound towards them.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, let me ask, what, after all, constitutes the savour by which the office-bearers of the Church may be salted, and fitted for diffusing throughout the whole body of professing Christians that spirit of self-sacrificing liberality, which is never weary of devising and of doing liberal things. What but a deep-rooted, experimental acquaintance with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who tho' rich for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich.—what but our being visited with times of spiritual revival and refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. If the fire of divine life burn low and feeble in our breasts, if we become cold and secular in our spirit and aim, if as Ministers and Elders we cease to watch for souls, as those that must give an account, if our Church becomes indifferent to her great and glorious Mission, then will all go to desolation. But if, on the contrary, the inner life of the Church be strong and vigorous, all will externally bloom and flourish, and bring forth fruit, in some thirty, and in some sixty, and in some a hundred fold. Oh! let us, then, who are commissioned to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, go forth with the faith and devotedness of men who have entered into the bowels and compassion of Christ, and who feel in their own soul the efficacy of the Cross, as the power of God, and the wisdom of God, to their salvation. Oh! let us who are called to rule over the house of God, see to it that we rule well, and thereby be counted worthy of double honour. Then will a fountain be opened up in the hearts of our people, of grace, and love to the Lord that bought them, that will flow forth in perennial streams of genuine liberality to his glorious cause.