

rate, and enter on scenes and trials, where we cannot reciprocate friendly counsel or aid, and knowing from experience that the shades of sorrow intermingled with bright sun-gleams of joy will invest the paths we respectively pursue, from the very bottom of our hearts we will wish that the Almighty Ruler of the universe will so order the events of providence, that happiness and peace may be each other's portion ; and as we cannot know what awaits us in the futurity of this life, we hope the best, and part with an affectionate farewell.

The ties which bind a pastor to his flock are of the most endearing kind ; and when these ties are dissevered, many emotions of a melancholy or painful character are awakened. Whether we review the period of his ministrations among them or speculate upon the influence which his separation from them is likely to effect on their future happiness in this world, but more especially when we reflect on the important bearing his services will have on their eternal happiness or misery,—for the faithful minister of his word is always unto God “a sweet savour of Christ in them that believe and in them that perish, to the one he is the savour of life unto life, and to the other the savour of death unto death,”—it must be a hard trial both to him and to them to put a termination to an intercourse affectionately begun, and conducted throughout in the delightful exercise of