

aspires to a perfect obedience. The faith of a Christian not only prompts to obedience ; it prompts to perfect obedience. In proportion to the perfection of the Christian's faith, it produces a more perfect obedience. If the Christian's faith were perfect, his obedience would be perfect too. By such perfect faith, his heart would be so moved as to make him run, without fall or stumbling, the way of the commandments of God ; and as it is, even though imperfect and often weak and wavering, it receives the precept of the Lord, and strives to reach to a performance of it, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

Communicants, if this day your hearts have been enlarged in the holy services in which you have been engaged ; if a sense of the love of Christ has given you this enlargement, prove it, manifest it, as the Psalmist proposed to do. Run the way of God's commandments. Why should you be called Christians at all, if you are to be, and to do, no more than others ? Why should you enjoy Christian privileges and observe Christian ordinances, if you are not, because of them, to lead a better and holier life ? Indeed, it becomes all of us, who have this day sat at the table of Christ, to be conspicuous for the virtues which even the world honours. How else shall we adorn, in the world's eye, the holy doctrine we hold and our Christian profession ? Justly is it expected of us, that we be noted for a more high-toned principle of integrity and honour, that we be more sacredly regardful of the claims and the obligations of truth, that we stand more decidedly aloof from the unlawful indulgence of any sensual appetite, that we be more alive to the claims of distress, and actuated by warm and heartfelt charity to all. Justly is it expected, that we should more effectually restrain every ebullition of temper, and that in thinking or speaking of our fellow-men we should not be moved by a spirit of censoriousness, but take up in regard of them the milder, and often the truer, and sounder judgment of charity. Justly is it expected,