

but especially to those who labour in word and doctrine. You, Reverend Fathers, are ambassadors for Christ, and stand in his stead to bear the message of salvation to perishing souls, and to offer them the means of salvation which he has purchased with his own blood. It is a duty of surpassing dignity and importance. "Who is sufficient for these things?" Well might we tremble and despair if left to our own strength; but we are re-assured when we call to mind the promised aid: "My grace is sufficient for thee," says our Divine Master, "my strength is made perfect in weakness." Trusting in this gracious promise, let us go on our way fearless and rejoicing.

Beloved brethren!—The task is arduous; but the aid is ample, and the reward unspeakable. To instruct the willing, to encourage the fearful, and to build up believers in their most holy faith, are labours of love with which the heart goes along. But faithfully to warn, wisely to reprove, gently yet firmly to correct, meekly and patiently to confute those who oppose themselves—these are duties more painful and more difficult, demanding a zeal, a prudence, a devotedness, a Christian charity, which those alone can attain who have felt the power of the Gospel on their own hearts, and have deeply imbibed the spirit of their Divine Master. Yet how blessed the employment! To be a fellow-worker together with God himself, in saving but one soul from eternal destruction, and bringing it to the marvellous light of the Gospel—would not this beyond measure repay a whole life of toil and suffering? But what shall we say, if it should please Him in whose hands are the hearts of all men, to employ us more extensively in his service—to use us as instruments for the conviction and conversion of many sinners? Oh! if His Holy Spirit should bid light and life spring up around us, while we move steadily forward through this dark world, in the path traced by the bleeding footsteps of our crucified Master—if, while we publish peace and salvation, the cold hearts of our people were to be warmed and melted—if the young, forsaking their youthful follies, were to devote the first fruits of their affections to their God and Saviour—if the hoary heads of aged sinners were seen bending in humble penitence round the foot of the Cross—if, among our own beloved flocks, and throughout the great mass of our population, the love of God were to be in the heart, and the precepts of his word were to adorn the character—if the present generation, as in the days of their forefathers, were to sacrifice the Sabbath, to a holy stillness should spread over our houses, our streets, and our highways, while man and beast rested from their weekly toil—if the whole land should one more become vocal with our morning and evening devotions, and the solemn anthem of the palace should be echoed back in hallowed strains from the lowly cottage—if such were, under the blessing of our Supreme Head, to be the fruit of our pastoral labours, what words could express the privilege, the

honour, the immeasurable delight, of such a consummation.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,—I trust you will accept of my heartfelt acknowledgments for the kind support and friendly countenance I have received at your hands during a period of most intense anxiety and excitement. Your favour raised me to a distinction of which I am unworthy, and I am deeply sensible, that while I have endeavoured to discharge its important duties faithfully, impartially, and assiduously, I have erred in many things, and fallen far short in all. Your tenderness and generous forbearance under these trying circumstances, I shall never forget—thy shall live in my heart while consciousness remains. Your welfare shall be my daily prayer—my constant prayer shall be that, though separated in this world, we may be united by ties of Christian love which can never be broken; and, when called from the discharge of earthly duties, we may meet to part no more in the general assembly of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.

The Moderator then dissolved the Assembly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, and adjourned it to meet on the 21st May, 1810; after which, turning to His Grace, the Lord Commissioner, he said—

May it please your Grace,—It is my grateful and honourable duty to be the organ of this Assembly in presenting our humble acknowledgments for the attention you have shown to our accommodation and convenience; for your faithful attendance on the several diets of this Court; and for the marks of kindness which the members of this Assembly have received at your hands, in the whole of their intercourse with your Grace. For myself personally I hope that I may be permitted to add, that I feel peculiarly gratified with the urbanity and friendly attention with which your Grace, in your regard, not to the humble individual, but to the office he unworthily holds, has condescended to honour me.

Your Grace has witnessed the free discussion of subjects in which the vital interests of the Church and of religion were deeply concerned. If on such subjects our deliberations should have sometimes exhibited a warmth natural to ardent minds, we do trust that you must have perceived in them all a pervading sentiment of loyalty to our earthly Sovereign, mingled with a sense of paramount duty to our Divine Head;—and that you will carry to the foot of the throne an assurance, that whatever may be our differences of opinion in other respects, there is one sentiment in which we are all most cordially united—that of an earnest desire to promote unity and dutiful subordination among her Majesty's subjects, while we endeavour above all to advance the spiritual efficiency of our Church, and the moral and religious welfare of the people of this land.

May it please your Grace.—You are well aware of the unanimous and earnest desire of the Church to