

And now, my brethren, I bid you Farewell.--- You are about to embark upon an enterprise of some danger—an enterprise that will lead you far from your best friends, and from the courts of the Lord's house ; but, you will be present with us in our prayers to heaven for your protection, for your success, and, above all, that you may be kept "*unspotted from the world.*" Let us not, however, separate without a distinct understanding : I can make no compromise with crime ;—I can speak no peace to the violators of God's law—I can wish no success to the hand that is about to do evil : It is against a sore evil that I have now set myself to speak : I have entreated you as your friend—I have admonished you as your Pastor ;—then hear the conclusion of the whole matter : if you continue to be sinners against your own souls, you will transgress with your eyes open to the danger—your crime will be without excuse, and your punishment without remedy !

You go down in ships to see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep ; and remember that his eye is ever upon you, and you can no more go from his spirit or escape his observation, than you can still the stormy wind when it ariseth.—Proceed, then, my brethren, to your labor as Christians, and "keep your hands from doing any evil." Be careful to avoid, not only the violation of the Sabbath, but, every other vice to which you may be tempted. Avoid drunkenness, and obscene conversation and profane swearing ;—be meek and gentle to all men, and be obedient to those who are over you, in things lawful and honest,—but you are not called to yield obedience at the expense of your peace of conscience, or the safety of your souls : in such a case read Acts V. 29, and "*obey God rather than man.*" So shall the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in you ; and while all good men pray for your success, the angels in heaven will