

[Addressing the family, people and clergy present, Mr. Andrews continues.]

"You have been a large and flourishing family. God has blessed you with health and prosperity. The arrow which flieth by day, nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness, or the destruction, which wasted on every side hath not reached you till now. Through the distinguished goodness of God this is the first breach in your family for nearly fifty years. May his worthy successor transcribe the virtues of his predecessor and the son equal, nay, if possible, exceed the father.

But I cannot close this discourse without observing to his brethren in the sacred ministry, who are present, that, as you see, our fraternity is decreasing. God has taken a principal one from the midst of us, and I feel weak this day through the loss of his counsel and advice. O, my brother James, how pleasant, how very pleasant hast thou been to me!

But why should we complain at our loss when we have so good reason to believe it has terminated in his gain. He had served his God, his church, his family and his generation with ability, zeal and care. Let us then, my Reverend Brethren, animated by his example, double our diligence in the service of our Divine Master. The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few, let us not only pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest, but after the example of our departed brother exert ourselves with diligence and patience, with zeal and perseverance. The time is short; the conflict will soon be over; the reward is near at hand."