

reckoning. If, when he closes his ministry on Earth or in any neighbourhood he can say, as Paul in the text, 'I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God.'

Now, in conclusion, suffer a word of exhortation before we part. And first, in reference to those, to whom my ministry has not been blessed; for even the ministry of the Apostles, while it brought blessings to some, rather increased the condemnation of others, 'To some we are the savour of death unto death, to others of life unto life.' It has been manifest to me, too plainly, that, to some my labours have not been acceptable or blessed; respecting these, although I would fain hope they are but a few, I feel sorrowful, because I am well aware, that the cause of unfruitfulness in their souls is attributed to me as minister. But, would it not be well for them to seek a little *into themselves*? Would it not be well for them to consider, that the scanty produce of their harvest may be attributed more to the barren nature of the soil, than to the husbandman who sows? Let them remember that the great obstacles which have prevented them from receiving a blessing from my ministry exist in their own hearts—in the perverseness of their nature, in their opinions and characters, which were formed long before I ever saw them. They may indeed appear pure in their own eyes, and partaking of all the *externals* of our beloved Church, fancy themselves Christians and good Church-people; but, I would remind them now, as *I ever have done*, that it is in vain for them to strive to gain Heaven by a scrupulous attention to externals. 'Vain, for them to sit at the table of our Lord, to eat that bread which reminds us of his body broken, or to drink that wine, the symbol of his blood, unless they cleanse the inside.'—unless they learn the apostolic injunction, 'Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put far from you, and as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.'

And now I turn to those, whom to part from is difficult indeed. The solemn word 'farewell' seems doubly so, when uttered under our present circumstances. Brethren, I believe I have been instrumental under God, in arousing many of you to a sense of your obligations towards God and our beloved Church. It is hard to part when the seed of the divine word seemed likely to take root, and a manifest blessing about to be realized. But, I must not—I dare not dwell on regrets—I must not speak in the melancholy language of the world, when faith whispers a different teaching. Faith assures us that whatever happens is by divine appointment, and that God's will may be known as much in the falling of a sparrow as in the destruction of a kingdom. I have sown here, God sees fit that I should not reap the fruits, because 'one soweth and another reapeth.' If the Church, however, prosper here, all that I have begun must be carried out, and, therefore, I feel thankful that no time has been lost during my ministry, but that every movement has been originated, which, if now sustained with the same energy and perseverance, success is certain. I would enlarge here, but prudence suggests, thus much is sufficient. And now, Brethren, the moment has arrived when I must say, our connection is severed—never more shall we meet face to face, till the Lion of the tribe of Judah sits on his throne for judgement! The truth which I have endeavoured, from time to time, to utter feebly amongst you shall judge me—shall judge you—shall judge the world. How many souls shall appear in that awful day, as the fruit of my labour here, I cannot say; but my consolation now is, that, although the present moment is a dark and gloomy one, although there are regrets which might be expressed, and sorrows