

individual Christian, is expressed by the similitude of a city set upon a hill, which cannot be hid, but which makes its presence felt in beneficial influences upon the surrounding neighbourhoods. This is not always thought of in the judgment which is formed of a pastor's obligations and his manner of honouring them. But it does seem to be both legitimate and proper, that the members of a society professedly Christian should be willing to share with others the privileges they themselves enjoy from their maintenance amongst them of Gospel ordinances. Nay more, it should be to them a matter of ambition and satisfaction to unite cordially in the provision of means for the amplest diffusion of all those blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which our holy religion teaches and constrains us to disseminate. As to the extent and efficiency of my labours in both of these respects, I have long been dissatisfied, and of late this feeling has grown upon me until I feel it to be a very heavy pressure. For this, the likelihood is, that no one is so much to blame as myself. Having occasion to lament the deficiency of means, it would only have been my duty to call them forth more strenuously. My hope is, that wherein I have failed, another may succeed ; and if the attempt should ever be made to overtake more thoroughly the work which remains to be done both among you and around you, let me earnestly solicit your Christian consideration, sympathy, and support in its behalf. Forget not that the number and nature