

ing mercy the coldness of heart, the remissnesses of effort, the impurity of aim, the failures in performance, the restrained prayer, the suspended watchfulness, of which in this hour we have the memory or the consciousness. This is our confidence, that "if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins." This is our comfort, amid depressing and humbling memories, that "if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things," and can make the very weaknesses of the human instrument only the better subserve the ends of His glory.

The mind is very readily led to think at such a time of those who have had a place in the circle of our worship, but whose familiar and loved forms are no more beheld in these earthly scenes. I shall carry with me no richer treasure to the distant sphere of my future labours, than the memory of the simple faith, the patient and even cheerful endurance, the unselfish goodness of one and another of this congregation, whose sick-rooms it has been my privilege to visit, and by whose triumphant or peaceful death-beds it has been my privilege to stand. Memories like these, and this congregation has been unusually rich in them, remain a benediction to the end of life, and make that heaven the dearer, which holds out the promise of the resumption of earth's broken fellowships.

The last to pass away has been one of the student members of this congregation; one who having laboured faithfully and with much acceptance, but perhaps beyond his strength, in the great mission field of the North-West, returned to this city, not, as has been seen to be the will of God, to resume his loved studies, but to resign his life. In this connection it will not seem out of place, I trust, if I address a few words to you his fellow-students. You, who occupy these galleries, represent over two hundred and fifty students in Arts, in Medicine, in Law, but still more largely in Theology, whose names have appeared on the Communion Roll of this congregation during the twenty years that I have been permitted to be its minister. I congratulate you, those of you especially who are looking