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the Church will in due time provide you with another pas-
 tor, a man after his own heart, one who will labour faith-
 fully and with much success in this corner of the vineyard,
 —to my earnest trust that the harmony which at present
 prevails among you may be maintained, and that your con-
 versation in every respect may "be as becometh the Gospel
 of Christ,"—and to my desire, in the view of the difficult
 duties that lie before me elsewhere, that you aid me by
 your prayers; as you may be well assured that I will not
 cease to pray for you, that God would make all grace abound
 towards you. There are many other things which are in
 my mind, and which I might have made the subject of
 special remark: but, laying all such specialties aside, I have
 chosen rather to close my ministry in this quarter, by an
 attempt to give you a glimpse into the heart of the Gospel
 system, and to indicate the method by which commonly, if
 not exclusively, a conviction of the truth and wisdom of
 the Gospel is produced. I dare not adopt the language of
 the great apostle of the Gentiles, in his address to the elders
 of the church of Ephesus,—“I am pure from the blood of
 all men,”—“Remember, that, by the space of three years, I
 ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” I
 am too deeply conscious of the imperfections of my ministry
 to speak in such terms as these. But you will bear me witness
 that, whatever my shortcomings may have been, I have
 laboured to preach to you the doctrine of the cross. I have
 sought to keep habitually before your minds, the represen-
 tation which the Scriptures give of Him with whom we
 have to do, as at once compassionate and righteous,—the
 apparently incompatible attributes of justice and mercy
 being harmoniously exercised in the salvation of sinners
 through Jesus Christ. I have striven to impress upon
 you, from Sabbath to Sabbath, the necessity of holiness as
 well as of pardon; and have pointed out to you the manner
 in which the former is attained, as well as the latter secured: