

time is short, and that all that is earthly is uncertain. Let your moderation then be known unto all men, and let your main ambition be for the treasures in heaven.

There are others who go forth in the bitterness of disappointment,—cast out by your native land, in which you would gladly have continued, and able to look forward in the land to which you are going, for nothing better than a quiet grave. But, brethren, we would not have you to mourn as those that have no hope. You know not what good things the Lord may have for you yet in store; and *if you put your trust in God*, He will be with you, and will keep you in the way that you go, and will give you bread to eat and raiment to put on, and will bless you in your latter end.

Let us earnestly urge it upon you all, that whatever may be the diversities of your condition, you all carry along with you, whithersoever you go, the responsibility of having breathed the air of Scotland, and carrying with you the name of Scotchmen. You will be looked upon as coming from a land where, amidst many sins, the Gospel is preached, the Sabbath sanctified, the Word of God held in reverence, the ordinances of religion observed; and the guilt you contract will be more than can be computed, if you neglect to exhibit the influence of those advantages in your lives and conversation, and if you do not strive to perpetuate, so far as your example and influence extend, these inestimable privileges in your adopted country.

Your destination in the world may be widely different. But wherever you are, and wherever you may go,—whether you are tossed upon the stormy deep, or rest in the quiet haven,—whether your lot is cast in the west or in the east,—whether on the bleak coasts of Cape Breton, amidst the forests of Canada, or in the far distant regions of Australia,—whether in the wild upland, or in the rich savannah,—whether in the lonely wilderness, among the scattered villages, or in the crowded city,—you cannot go where God is not. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, and he made the sea also. Is the Lord a God at hand, and not a God afar off? The blood that was shed on Calvary is of efficacy, from the rising of the sun to where he goeth down, and stretches from pole to pole. Though you go forth to a distant, it is not to a strange country. The God of your fathers will go before you; and wheresoever you may be, “if you seek him you will find him, when you search for him with all your heart.” Though far removed from your earthly friends, you will find in him a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. If you place your hope in him,