

misery in this life and eternal ruin hereafter ;—and he justified God in His holy condemnation of it. In himself he could see no good thing, nothing which could stand God's pure, searching eye, and he condemned and abhorred sin as he saw it in himself. His confidence and refuge was alone in the forgiving love of God as his reconciled Father, manifested and embracing him through the gift and sacrifice of His Beloved Son,—and in the blood of Jesus which cleanseth from all sin—ever accounting it a “faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners, even the chief:” and abiding in this confidence, when heart and flesh were fainting and failing, he could say, calmly,—“Lord Jesus, come quickly,” “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” It was this rock upon which alone he could stand, and upon this rock he earnestly desired that you, his people, might stand also. His earnest prayer was, that there might be a true revival of vital religion in the Congregation—a real turning to God among you.

He spoke several times of the kindness he had invariably received from his people during the whole period of his ministry, and in his illness, remembering many special acts of such kindness; and of the many peaceful days he had spent among you,—such he said as seldom fall to the lot of any Minister. But he felt he was still a debtor to every one of you. He desired that you might remember and give heed to the truth spoken by him whilst among you, but he had an earnest desire, if it had been the will of God, that he might have been permitted once more to address you from the pulpit, to warn you as he had never before done, and to beseech you to seek the Lord while he may be found; to turn to Him with full purpose of heart while He is near. He felt he could tell you from his own experience of the sensations of a death-bed, when the body is racked with pain, and the mind prostrated by weakness,—how unfit such a time is for repentance, should it be left till then.

You know what he was among you for thirty-six years—