

founded on righteousness. Without in the least minimizing or concealing the sterner truths which need to be told, I have felt more and more the inspiration and the blessing of preaching the glad tidings of great joy which have been given us for all people; the possibility of absolute certainty regarding our standing in Christ; the tender affectionate interest of the Living God in every individual man; the infinite wisdom of his procedure with us in the ordinary course of his providence; and the unquestionable peace, glory, and power of service, in which, if we are good and obedient, His training shall ultimately end. We need to carry with us something of the brightness of our Lord's ministry and his absolute freedom from despondency concerning man's condition, dark as He knew it to be. This to spread before the weary and careworn, a refreshment sadly needed and sometimes deeply desired.

From every review, however brief and fragmentary, of the preacher's duties,

difficulties and responsibilities, we turn with the question of Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But when this cry is wrung from the soul, it is the sign of being lifted into fellowship with the sufferings of the Son of God; and there is revealed to him privileges of ministering peace and consolation which an angel might envy, and whose crown no man can take away.

It is my earnest hope and prayer, as it shall be my steady effort, that this chair may be owned and blessed of God in helping to mould a ministry of wisdom and power, to carry the banner of Christ's Crown and Covenant into many a distant clime; and to permeate this land with the spirit of holiness and true devotion to God and to the highest interests of man.

If this be granted to us in any considerable measure, the generous founder of the chair and the humble occupant thereof, shall rejoice together when the shadows have passed away.