

and that to him, in all circumstances, you can have recourse. If you love and fear him, he will "make all things work together for your good." Whatever, or wherever may be the station of duty assigned to you, he will watch over you, and protect you by his everlasting strength. Now, that I am about to part from you, to Him I affectionately commend you. And having done this, I may be considered to have done all that, under present circumstances, it is in my power to do. But yet, my brethren, "suffer a word of exhortation" from one who feels a deep interest in your welfare, and whose best wishes will go with you into whatever scenes God in his providence may lead you. Receive it in that spirit of kindness with which you have received every admonition he has hitherto given you. Receive it as the friendly counsel of one who sincerely desires, that as a corps, you may not only add fresh lustre to the honors you have already achieved, but also that you may be individually happy,—who fervently desires that your "souls may prosper" even as he desires your temporal prosperity.

In the first place, let me, in the language of the Apostle, exhort you to "be perfect," that is, that you aim at the highest state of perfection, in the discharge both of your religious and moral duties, which it is possible for man to attain. Sinless perfection is not an attribute of humanity. Still, you are not exempted, in the faithful application