

edge of you, that you have been with Jesus,

You have your several specialties—they are to be so many instruments of righteousness, diligently used for Christ. You know Livingstone's memorable maxim, uttered after his achievement of famous exploits as a traveller—"The end of the geographical feat is but the beginning of the missionary enterprise." So with your work, of whatever kind. The practice of medicine is to be the vehicle of Christ's Gospel. Manual or mechanical skill is to be open a way into heathen hearts. In cultivation of the soil you will contemplate a higher culture. By music you shall allure to a lofty worship. Your divers gifts and various operations—all sacred, if brought to Him for His blessing, and prosecuted for His sake—are to procure an entrance for the truth as it is in Jesus. Let HIM have a constant place in your thoughts, the supreme place in your hearts; and whether you minister to a fever case, do it for the Lord; whether you speak of His love, speak as in His own presence and power; or whether you wield the spade, the oar, the hammer, or the chisel, hear Him who went about healing all manner of diseases, Him who worked for years as a carpenter, and many of whose days and nights were passed in a little open boat on the lake of Galilee; let it dignify your every employment to hear Him say, "the disciple is to be as his Master—do this for my sake!"

And let the same thought lighten your trials. Count on these. Your undertaking is arduous. Temptations you are sure to encounter. Meet them all in the remembrance of His love. You know how differently we go through hardships according to the spirit in which they are met. Take duty simply as unavoidable, and it may be an irksome task; whereas Love has a wonderful power of rend-

ering difficulties practicable and pleasant as saith the Lord, to those who come to learn of Him, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

My friends, if I put you in mind of Joseph's charge to his brethren, "See that ye fall not out by the way," you will understand that more is meant than mere abstinence from quarrels. You are a little company, handed together by loyalty to your common Lord: you must be much to each other in Christian sympathy. For your own sakes, "walk in love"—and for His sake who so emphatically enjoined the new commandment, adding, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another."

Be one, also, with your dear companions of the Free Church Mission. We sometimes have cause to mourn divisions and discord at home; let there be none abroad—no jars, no jealousies! In the face of darkness that may be felt, you have all the same calling to point to Him who is the light of the world, and to let your light so shine that men seeing your good works may glorify your Father in heaven!

Brothers! you take your life in your hand, you part from kindred and friends, you go to display HIM who bought you with His blood, and to unfurl His standard where He is as yet unknown. He will be with you; therefore be men of faith, and courage, and zeal. Advance with prayer, and you will find that you are not alone. His grace preserve you blameless unto the end, and comfort your hearts in every season of depression! Look off unto Jesus at all times, and often, think of the day when you shall hear Him say, "I know thy works, and thy labours, and thy patience, and how for my name's sake thou hast laboured, and hast not fainted." "Well, done, good and faithful servant! enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."