

pastoral Conferences we are admonished to be faithful. Death has once more been in our ranks. Two of our beloved brethren—Wm. W. Ross and Abraham Sickles—are not, for God has taken them. Faithful to their calling and blameless in their lives, they served their day and generation. Both died in the faith and now inherit the promises.

And now, beloved brethren, consecrate yourselves afresh to the service of Christ. Serve Him with the whole energy of your undivided soul. Perhaps some of you have been following Christ with a faint heart and yielding purpose. That is not enough. Follow the Lord fully. Your happiness and peace is wrapped up in the force and constancy with which you follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. To all of us the lesson comes, if any man will be Christ's disciple, if he will have inward peace and the consciousness of progress towards heaven, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Christ in the renunciation of every gain and pleasure inconsistent with the will of God. The greatest and best work of God is that of holiness in the Church in its corporate capacity and its individual membership. Think of the great end to be accomplished by its possession and practical development. Your salvation, happiness, and usefulness all centre here. See to it that you listen to the voice and yield to the influence of the sanctifying Spirit. The more you have of purity of heart, cleanness of hands, consistency of character, and uniformity of godly action, the better you will be qualified to speed the march of the Church and consummate the happiness of the world to come. Holiness will give eloquence to your tongues, weight to your arguments, pathos to your appeals, and success to your efforts. A Church thus consecrated in its aggregate membership shall be called, "sought out, a city not forsaken," an eternal excellency, and the joy of many generations.

"Finally, brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."