

all our strength, from which there would necessarily arise dispositions and capacities to worship him, so an obvious deficiency in respect to this primary duty, is a mournful evidence, that the love of God is proportionably wanting in those minds where such deficiency is apparent. — and as love is essential to the human heart, it is much to be feared, that in these cases, it has selected temporal things for its object, and has chosen the fading enjoyments of time, rather than the unperishing riches of eternity. — under these impressions the meeting was induced again to invite again affectionately to solicit all classes of society to a renewed and fervent attention to their individual situations, in relation to the solemn duty of love, and worship to Almighty God! — To the young and rising generation (who feel increasingly precious to our hearts) we affectionately recommend a frequent and intimate communion with their own minds — the only Garden to them, wherein the tree of life can be found, on the fruits of which if they feed, they shall live forever — and also to a frequent perusal of the scriptures of truth, which bear testimony to, and describe the operations of that divine word which is the light of men" and which "lighteth every man that cometh into the world" — for the blessed purposes of rendering them conformable to the divine image and of securing to them the possession of "eternal life." — To those whose mistaken

and wandering affections have led them to forsake "the fountain of living waters" — and to hew out to themselves cisterns — which their own experience if consulted, will prove to them, are "broken cisterns which can hold no water" — the language of our feelings is, come "taste and see for yourselves that the Lord is good" — that he is altogether worthy of love adoration and praise, and that to know him as he is in himself is to experience a perceptible impulse to love, and to worship him. — It would not then be a hard and unanimating employment, to meet with your fellow members for the purpose, but "as the heart panteth after the water brooks" — so would your souls pant after the living God. — And to those dear brethren and sisters, who by tasting, have become enamoured of the good "word of life" — and have been thereby made willing to part with all things in succession which stood in competition with it — to these, with great endowment of feeling, we are disposed to say hold fast the beginning and progress of your faith "without wavering," under the blessed assurance that they who have "clean hands shall be stronger and stronger," that their example will become increasingly influential over those who behold their "godly conversation" — and that when the chief shepherd shall appear, he will give to those dedicated ones, — who have been with him in his temptations and trials a crown of glory — an unfading kingdom. —