

service and the means of the dispensation of the Bread of life to the soul.

The habitual disregard of this duty is but too certain an indication of a lukewarmness in our love towards God and of one another, and is an approach towards that state of insensibility which terminates in death.

Hear Oh Benjamin and Judah! the Lord is with you while you cleave to him, but if you depart from him, he will cast you off forever! -

May we ^{be} alarmed and aroused from the fatal apathy into which many of us have but too evidently fallen in regard to the all-important concerns of our Eternal welfare; remembering that as respects ^{us} the period is fast approaching when this scene of trial will be finished and when unless we are more fervently concerned to renew our diligence and avail ourselves of the time that remains, we may mournfully experience that the harvest is past, the summer is over and gone and we not gathered: - The duty of frequently retiring with our families from the bustle of the world, in order to commune with our own hearts and be still was impressively opened before the Meeting: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. These seasons of solemn reverent waiting upon the Lord should not be confined to the times appointed for our religious Meetings but should be sought for oftener than the returning day, and parents and heads of families were especially encouraged to endeavour to bring their children and those under their care, into the practice of this important duty: Their efforts would be blessed to their offspring - like bread cast upon the waters the fruits would be found after many days, and these seasons would be profitably remembered even when their parents may have passed away; for early impressions are deepest and have the most lasting influence upon the mind through life: - "Train up a

child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The voice of the Lord is heard in the silence of all flesh, and his Divine admonitions are not conveyed in sounds that strike the outward ear, but are imprinted upon the heart by the touches of his Divine spirit. And his word is always accompanied with power, so that the soul which is obedient to Him, will ever be furnished with strength to perform as well as light to discern, his holy requisitions. Opinions may change, systems may give way to other systems, but the word of the Lord can never be overthrown, it has remained, and will ever continue to be the same immutable, eternal and unchangeable Truth.

The great importance of frequently and carefully pursuing the Holy Scriptures was also opened to the view of this meeting. We believe they were written by Holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The wise and pious in all ages of the Christian Church have delighted in the perusal of these records and the young and rising generation should be encouraged to read them and to wait in humble dependence upon him who hath the key of David and can unlock the sacred treasures which they contain.

The Meeting was brought into a feeling and weighty exercise on account of the loss we have recently sustained by the decease of some who have been like fathers and Mothers in Israel and the language was revived among us "The fathers where are they, and the prophets do they live forever?" but all the dispensations of the Lord are intended for the good of his creatures, and he is able in his own time to render even this affliction a blessing to us, by raising up the sons to fill the places of the fathers and by pouring out his