

Divided as they were on almost every other point, they were still united on this. So deep and universal was that feeling of obligation to him, that great as was the darkness which covered the churches in relation to other important truths, the light that remained was yet sufficient to manifest the importance and enforce the duty of maintaining public Divine Worship. Dear friends, in this day of Gospel light untrammelled by ecclesiastical restrictions, and enjoying in profusion the blessings of Heaven, shall we forget the hand that feeds us, or repay him with ingratitude for his innumerable benefits?

The blessed Son of God has taught us that to love anything more than him is to render us unworthy of him. There is great encouragement to those who are willing to leave all for his sake. As the mind is stayed on him it becomes leavened, in measure, into the Divine nature, and the soul is prepared to experience the truth of the promise which assures to these the "hundred fold in this life," and in the world to come life everlasting."

The guarded education of our children, so as to preserve them from the corrupt conversation of the world, and imbue their minds with the principles of righteousness, has weightily impressed this meeting, and we have been forcibly reminded that a pure and consistent example on the part of parents, is, under the Divine blessing, the most effectual means by which we can accomplish this object. The great number of pernicious publications now

issued from the press, exposes the inexperienced, yet enquiring mind to a species of reading that often has the most injurious tendency. In order to counteract this tendency, Friends were encouraged to furnish their families with works calculated to improve and instruct the minds of their offspring, and by thus supplying them with suitable mental food, to prevent their active minds from indulging in that which is pernicious. The scriptures of truth, and especially the New Testament, are recommended as containing treasures of wisdom that have ever been the delight of pure and dedicated minds.

Our young friends were also affectionately invited to renewed watchfulness in regard to our testimonies against attending places of diversion, which were believed to include all scenes and circumstances tending to divert the mind from its true centre of rest and safety.

Under a lively concern in regard to the desolating evils of talebearing and detraction, our members were earnestly exhorted to preserve on all occasions the influence of Gospel Love in their minds, for where this influence prevails we cannot speak or even think evil one of another.

There was also an exercise accompanied with much unity of feeling on the subject of our testimony against Slavery. Friends were recommended to keep their attention alive to every right opening for service and on all occasions be governed by the inspirations of Divine Wisdom and Love, for we feel comforted in the assurance that the most high will,