

36. my predecessors suffered? am I trampling upon those precious testimonies for which they were reviled and persecuted? or am I endeavouring to walk in the footsteps of the flock of Christ. If our hearts condemn us, God is greater, and knoweth all things; but if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence towards him. "Let us search ourselves and prove ourselves for know we not our own selves that Jesus Christ is in us except we be reprobates." And as we profess to adhere to his doctrines, let us individually apply the questions, have I received the Holy Ghost since I believed?

Dear sisters, our present situation calls for dedication! and our progress as Christians depends on yielding in full obedience to the manifestations of duty. Let us not be as the Israelites of old, who could sing praise on the banks of deliverance, but afterwards soon forgot his works; but with full purpose of heart, let us take the holy resolution of faithful Joshua, "as for me and my house we will serve the

Lord."

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A tender solicitude has been felt for those of the African race who may be found in friends families; and I have expressed that we may regard them as children of the one great universal parent and wince our concern by not only instructing them in that which relates to a provision for this life, but that we may feel it incumbent upon us, to care for their eternal welfare.

An earnest desire has also prevailed that friends may be increasingly engaged in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families.

Friends were advised to seek for a qualification, faithfully and seasonably to exercise the discipline of the church in the spirit of meekness and restoring love and where such labour should prove ineffectual that judgement should be placed upon delinquent in the authority of truth.