

instruction in righteousness." How often we are convicted, instructed, or comforted by the application of some text of Scripture to our hearts by the Holy Spirit according to the promise of our Lord: "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." May we then all be aroused to greater faithfulness in the important duty of encouraging and practicing the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures, not only at stated times in the family, but in private, waiting thus in daily retirement upon the Lord, for grace and for enlightenment that we may know them for ourselves, and be able to teach our children; remembering the words of the Apostle to Timothy, "from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Again we have been solemnly reminded of the uncertainty of life, and the need of preparation for death; as we have listened to the record of the removal of some to whom we had looked for

counsel and example, and leaned upon for sympathy and encouragement; and while we have felt the comfort of the assurance - "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," we have longed that all might examine the ground on which they stand, and see to it that their feet are placed upon the Rock, Christ Jesus; that should the call to them come even at an unexpected moment they may be found prepared, "having oil in their vessels with their lamps" ready to meet the Bridegroom at His coming.

First Summary

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, with one exception. First day evening meetings, & those held near the middle of the week are often small. Unbecoming behavior generally avoided. One Report states that the hour of meeting is not well observed.

Second Summary

We believe friends maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged.