

free course, and be glorified among us yet more and more.

It hath pleased the blessed Lord to continue our lives unhurt through the course of the past year, also our health with a few slight exceptions has been graciously preserved during a time of more than ordinary sickness in several parts of our Province, for which we would be found truly thankful, yet in regard to some of our domestic relations the hand of the Lord has touched us in a most tender part. We allude principally to the bereavement by death of the beloved partner of our respected Superintendent and another of our number. But such is the will of our God, and this thought is alone sufficient to check every rising feeling of complaint or dissatisfaction. It is enough for us to know that HE DID IT. Let it rather be said in all such cases—"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord."

You will now, dear brethren, suffer us to address a few words of counsel and exhortation, touching some matters which we view as of vital importance; an attention to which is imperiously called for, if we would have the church of our choice rise to that degree of influence and usefulness, to which we, as a people, should aspire. Among these, PERSONAL HOLINESS stands first, we must be truly alive to God ourselves, if we would be the means of spreading religion among others, nothing should be made a substitute for this.—No zeal for opinions, nor liberality in our contributions, nor efforts to enlarge the borders of Zion, or increase her usefulness, can in the least compensate for the want of personal piety. We must have the LORD with us, if we would go up and possess the good land. To this end make it your business to attend punctually and steadily to all the means