

that for the "heart to be without knowledge is not good," and that a "man's wisdom maketh his face to shine," frees him from embarrassment and confusion, the natural offspring of ignorance. Useful knowledge is the mind's treasure, from which things new and old may be produced; not only for the benefit of the possessor, but likewise for the pleasure and instruction of others. Youth and beauty are fading ornaments, only comparable to the short-lived flower of the field; and the time will speedily arrive when the young and beautiful will only be admired on account of their intellectual stores. Let, then, some portion of each day be applied to the acquisition of mental treasure. Be conversant with history, with philosophy; and above all, with the Book of God, whereby you may not only be made wise unto salvation, but also be richly furnished with every good word and work.

Knowledge should be acquired not only for the benefit of ourselves, but for the instruction of others, and in order to please God we should devote ourselves to the instruction of children; for if there be any pleasure exceeding that which results from the acquisition of knowledge, it is that which arises from a capability of imparting it to others. And if there be any sight on earth more pleasing than another to a pious mind, it is that of seeing youth of either sex assiduously employed in imparting instruction to the infantile mind, in endeavouring to direct the steps of children to him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Here, dear readers, you may find an

ample field for the exercise of those talents with which you are endowed; for the God of little children, whose cause you espouse, will bless your laudable endeavours. He will water the seed of instruction, and make it grow; and though you may be scattered up and down in the world, or be no longer inhabitants of it, yet they, realizing the salutary effect of your pious exertions, will rise up and call you blessed.

You profess and call yourselves Christians, and as such you must not forget your closet duty. Hear him speak to you whose name you bear: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet and shut thy door and pray, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Would you then be distinguished by the God of heaven in this, and in the future world, let no day pass without devoting some fragment to the worship of him who alone can constitute you happy; and thus evince that you are indeed His disciples "who spent whole nights in prayer to God."

The ordinances of public worship are of divine appointment, and to neglect them is to condemn the authority of God. They have been delightful to the Saints in all ages; to slight them is to tell the world you are none of that number. They are the channels by which the new covenant blessings are conveyed to the soul. Need you then be advised, frequently to spend some fragments of time in the service of the sanctuary? where you are permitted to hold sacred communion with that Being whose voice is seldom heard in the busy crowd; but who has promised to be with those who are met