

counsel and exhortation. His last words are fresh in your remembrance, and now seem to vibrate in our ears. He has said, "Serve the Lord Jesus Christ. "Live to Him—live to Christ; live governed by faith "and love to Him. That is the way to prepare for "judgment. At the hour of death you will want "faith and hope to sustain you. Do not then for the "first time have to seek them."

Consider the effects of a belief of our Saviour's resurrection on our hearts.

In this life, the period of our probationary state, we are liable to losses, sufferings and afflictions, in their varied characters and forms. We are visited with pain and loss of health, in order that we may become acquainted with the uncertain tenure of earthly blessings, and be lead to desire and long after the possession of heavenly happiness; in order that our affections may be set on things above, and not on things on the earth. Our relatives and friends sicken and die, and are separated from us. By the merciful bereavement we are reminded and taught to reflect upon our own mortality, and not to forget our destination to the grave, the house appointed for all the living. With this view of the salutary chastisements of our heavenly Father, the heart is made better, and the soul realizes a peace and comfort which the world can neither give nor take away. By the grace of God, and under the influences of the Holy Spirit, we shall be enabled to bear all sufferings, afflictions and bereavements, with patience and resignation, looking