

yourselves for associating with the blessed in heaven, and to sow in the hearts of those committed to your care the seeds of immortality. Surely it is that you earnestly seek to have the experience of the inward transforming power of the Spirit of Christ, and to be linked not only in the bonds of natural affection, but also of christian union, to those who are dear to you. Do you desire to leave with your sorrowing friends the balm of consolation, when you depart hence, to be no more forever?—Then, let the form and the power of godliness appear in your conduct through life. Do you desire to have such a solace to your sorrows under bereavement?—Then, teach your children—teach all whom you love—to fear, love, and serve God. Believe me there is nothing, in looking back to the world from a death bed, that affords such satisfaction as the evidences of a living faith, exhibited in the obedience of a holy life :—nothing so delightful in the remembrance of your departed friends, as the sentiments of devotion and the acts of benevolence that distinguished them. The simple hymns, so oft repeated in childhood's pure devotion, will seem the prelude to the perfected praises of heaven, which God ordains “out of the mouths of babes and sucklings ;”—the giving of the heart in hope, and trust, and love, to a heavenly Father, but the earnest of that fuller and closer communion to which he has called them ; and the termination on earth of their labors of love, but the consummation of their blessedness.