

by a spirit of self-sacrifice and willingness to toil in any department of the Lord's work. Not only will appointments be attended, but every opening for usefulness will be embraced. It is an alarming thought, that we have allowed many opportunities of doing good to pass unimproved, and there may be souls now eternally lost who might now have been among the glorified in heaven, had we only done our duty. May the time past suffice, and the future witness that we are baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thus made strong to suffer and work for God.

Our families have the first claim upon our attention and care. "If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." We are not in danger of neglecting the temporal welfare and the social elevation of our families; but, as redeemed and sanctified men and women, we are bound to look after the spiritual welfare of "the children whom God hath graciously given to us." Let us resolve, that "for us and for our house we will serve the Lord," and daily return from secular religious engagements "to bless our households." Then we may reasonably expect that they will, by Divine grace, "keep the way of the Lord and do justice and judgment." Not only should our families but neighbors, also, share in our care for their salvation. To a certain extent we are our "brother's keeper." Children of the same Father, "who hath made of the same blood all nations of men," and redeemed by the one blessed sacrifice, and rendered capable of regeneration and entire holiness by the power of the Holy Ghost; we are enjoined not only to love God supremely but to love our "neighbor as ourselves," and to induce our efforts to seek our neighbor's salvation, what a prize is placed before us! "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The rising generation call for the special attention of the church. From the young our future churches will be formed. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that while our children are around us we should seek their salvation, and encourage their union with the church. From the families of the present generation of Christians the church should be largely recruited. It is lamentable to find that many who are treading the path of perdition are from the families of professors of religion. Many parents have not labored for and expected the salvation of their children while around the family hearth; hence, without converting grace they have gone forth into the world, and many remain unchanged to the present. It is the duty of the church to "feed the lambs" of Christ, and our Sabbath schools give fine opportunities for this kind of Christian effort. We are thankful for so many pious teachers, and for the success with which their labors have been crowned; but these need