

disputes concerning religion, and to esteem very highly, for their works sake, all good men, and especially all faithful ministers.

6. To remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, neither to pay nor to receive visits on that day, and to endeavour on that day especially to be spiritually-minded, which is life and peace.

7. To remember the words, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him;" yet to reprove with meekness, gentleness and humility.

8. To say in our hearts, "Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness: let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head." He who cannot receive reproof, is not fit to give it.

9. To encourage each other in all good resolutions, plans and words.

10. To feel bound to add something to the common stock of useful, and especially of divine knowledge.

11. To feel and cultivate a lively interest in the welfare of our country, and of all the world.

12. To live unto Him who has bought us with his blood.—*Pres Board.*

FIRST STEP TO RUIN.

"My first step to ruin!" exclaimed a wretched youth, as he lay tossing from side to side on the straw bed in one corner of his prison-house,—“My first step to ruin was going fishing on the Sabbath. I knew it was wrong; my mother taught me better; my minister taught me better; my master taught me better; my Bible taught me better. I didn't believe them, but I didn't think it would come to this. I am undone! I am lost!

Perhaps he said, "It is not pleasant to be cooped up in church. What harm is there in taking a stroll into the woods? What harm in carrying my fishing-tackle, and sitting on the banks to fish? What harm? Why, the harm is, that God is disobeyed, who says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The moment a youth determines to have his own way, choosing his own pleasure before God's will, that moment he lets go his rudder, his compass, his chart; nothing but God's word can guide you safely over the ocean of life. Give that up, and you get bewildered; you are drifting; you will be lost.

"GOD IS LOVE."

God is 'love. Can this be true?

Yes, the Bible says it is.

Children, let me ask of you,
Have you ever thought of this,—
That God is LOVE.

MAN AND HIS SAVIOUR.

My soul is like a hungry and thirsty child, and I need his love and consolations for my refreshment; I am a wandering and lost sheen, and I need him as a good and faithful Shepherd; my soul is like a frightened dove, pursued by a hawk, and I need his wounds for a refuge; I am a feeble vine, and I need his cross to lay hold of and wind myself about it; I am a sinner, and I need his righteousness; I am naked and bare, and need his holiness and innocence for a covering; I am in trouble and alarm, and need his solace; I am ignorant, and I need his teaching; simple and foolish, and I need the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

In no situation, and at no time, can I do without him. Do I pray?—he must prompt and intercede for me. Am I arraigned by Satan at the divine tribunal? he must be my advocate. Am I in affliction? he must be my helper. Am I persecuted by the world? he must defend me. When I am forsaken he must be my support—when dying, my life; when mouldering in the grave, my resurrection. Well, then, I will rather part with all the world, and all that it contains, than with thee, my Saviour: and, God be thanked, I know that thou too, art not willing to do without me. Thou art rich, and I am poor; thou hast righteousness, and I sin; thou hast oil and wine, and I wounds; thou hast cordials and refreshments, and I hunger and thirst. Use me, then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose and in whatever way thou mayst require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel—fill it with thy grace. Here is my sinful and troubled soul; quicken and refresh it with thy love. Take my heart for thine abode; my mouth to spread the glory of thy name; my love and all my powers for the advancement of thy honor, and the service of thy believing people. And never suffer the steadfastness and confidence of my faith to abate, that so at all times I may be enabled from the heart to say, "Jesus needs me, and I him, so we suit each other."