

III. That in addition, to oral instruction you should keep a good supply of religious literature, both standard and periodical, always on hand, always accessible to such members of the family as can read it.

IV. Where practicable the science of singing should be cultivated, and in every possible way, home should be made attractive.

V. It may be objected that your engagements in connection with temperance, and other philanthropic Associations will allow of so much time being devoted to the religious culture of your families. Our reply is, that, any engagements, the fulfilling of which leads to the habitual neglect of home duties, are radically wrong; and you should seek to be released therefrom at your earliest convenience.

It may also be objected that, the expense necessary to be incurred in giving effect to the above suggestions would be too heavy a tax upon your financial resources. To this, we reply that, in hundreds of cases, if the money expended in the purchase of tobacco, artificial flowers, and useless ribbons were applied to the purchase of Religious Literature, there would not only be ample means for that purpose, but a large margin left to be appropriated, as in your judgment, might seem best.

In a word, let your homes be made cheerful, as home should be; let the relative duties of the individual members of the family be promptly and lovingly discharged—Let religiousness permeate the whole carriage of the parents, and happy homes will multiply on every hand. In addition to the discharge of the duties, as commonly understood, we strongly advise that parents and children go to the House of God in company; that they sit together in the House of prayer; and that they return home again in company. We cannot too strongly reprobate the practice obtained in some places, of allowing the children to amuse themselves in the streets or roads, on their way to or from public worship. There are proper times for out-door exercises—for healthful recreations; but surely the Lord's Day is not one of these times.

We earnestly call your attention to the resolutions of the recent Conference, relative to the relationship your children should sustain to the Church; and affectionately ask your co-operation in our endeavor to give effect thereto. Our prayer is, "That your sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, your daughters be polished after the similitude of a palace," and that in the judgment of the great day, you may be permitted to say, "Here we are Lord, and the children thou hast given us."

For information respecting the general state of the connexion we must refer you to the several resolutions to be found in the stated Minutes.