

day of judgment, in the midst of her despising light, lest your vision, stimulate efforts by their head and water, resting upon his House of God, resting upon him will thus feel anxious to meet each instruction, as they see the spiritual lack of instructing comfort, any more than a loss, or suffering create or remove men, to be too poor, in the mere truths of God's earnestly pressed be overlooked. If wholesome with dainties. Or with Christ the man who is presented in the acceptance of His exceed-comparative in-out the dainties that they have water of life.

Beware, my friends, of encouraging this, a tendency which is most injurious alike to yourselves and your pastor. The eloquence of the speaker will neither convince nor convert the heart. It is the simple, earnest preaching, and humble, prayerful hearing of God's Word, to which the enlightening and saving influences of the Holy Spirit are promised.

Thirdly,—it is your pastor's duty, my brethren, to visit you at your houses, as well as to minister to you from the pulpit. But remember that you must not look from him for visits of a mere social character. Your pastor's time and more important duties would not admit of this, even were it desirable in itself. As a general rule, your pastor should be expected in your houses in the discharge of his duties as a minister of Christ,—and even, in this respect, you must not be over exacting, remembering that if he fairly distributes the time which can be allotted to such duties, each family can have but a small portion of it. There will always be many cases of sickness, affliction, or bereavement, which call for special attention, and which must be dealt with as occasion requires and opportunity affords. When your minister visits you, receive him cordially. If his visit be expected, be prepared for his reception, and have as many members of your households present as possible. Do not waste time in desultory or unprofitable talk,—make the most of your opportunity, that both you and your pastor may feel that your time has not been lost. Let not your pastor be left to propose to conduct worship; show your desire for this by proposing it yourselves. He will thus engage in it with more freedom and heartiness and more acceptably. What a chill does it throw over the heart of a minister, when his proposal to join with a family in the worship of God is met with indifference, or with the freezing words—"if you choose." Where the minister feels that his visits are most appreciated and useful, he will be most inclined to repeat them. And if you think your minister's visits infrequent, seek to keep yourselves in his mind's eye, by