

her welcome, through a Saviour's approbation and merits, to the everlasting habitations of the just. Truly might it be said of her in death, that the poor "*all wept and bewailed her.*" Oh, brethren, how much better, how much more honorable, and just, thus to employ the wealth of this world in deeds of love and charity to God and man, than to squander our means upon the unsatisfying and destructive passions and desires of the fleshly mind. The one will be sure to meet the approbation and reward of our judge, the other as sure to bring upon the soul his vengeance.

But brethren let me ask you for a moment to consider, how awfully sudden this removal of our late friend and companion has been. She left the bosom of her family, as to all outward appearance in her usual health and strength, she went on an errand of mercy to fulfil that most sacred duty of love, visiting the sick, and thus while ministering with a mother's tender care to the wants of others, the summons came which called her spirit to the heavenly home. Truly then "*in the midst of life we are in death;*" how little may we frail creatures of earth, count upon a day or an hour, our time assuredly is in God's hand, and though a sudden disease, an accident, or some other cause may seem to hurry on the hour of death, yet beloved, under all these circumstances, we must acknowledge the over-ruling providence of God, and bow in humble resignation to his holy will. This uncertainty of life however should indeed teach us who survive to remember "*how short our time is.*" And since death may come upon us in an *hour when we are not aware*, oh let us so live, let us strive so to live by the power of the grace of Jesus, and the guiding of his good spirit, that death may not find us unprepared. Our departed sister has left behind her, as I have already said, the good example of a regular attendance on the sacred services and ordinances of the church. Let it then brethren be your wisdom to follow that example, to make a faithful, diligent use of the blessed sanctifying means of grace while you are permitted to enjoy them. Thus though you know not what a day may bring forth, yet if you are careful to live as Christians ought to live, in the constant fear to offend in any wise your heavenly father, and in the sincere desire to please him in all things, though your summons to his awful presence should come to your