

TREATISE.

a right to partake of his body and his blood in the Communion, but is under obligation thus to commemorate his death &c.

SECTION III.—DUTIES OF THE CHURCH.

The duty of the Church is that obligation which the revelation of God enjoins upon it collectively, or as individuals, for the manifestation of his manifold wisdom *f*, the perfecting of the saints *g*, and the conversion of the world *h*. In this obligation are included the observance of the ten commandments *i*, entire obedience to the influences of the Spirit *j*, to the institutions of the gospel, and to all the instructions and precepts of the Scriptures *k*. Among the latter are the following particular requirements: Christian fellowship *l*, secret and family prayer *m*, domestic and social duties *n*, watchfulness *o*, administering to the necessities of the poor and afflicted *p*, the support of those that preach the gospel *q*, and the exercise of church discipline *r*.

e Eph i 22, 23 1 Cor x 17 Col i 24 Acts ii 42, xx 7.

f Eph iii 10, 11.

g Eph iv 11—13.

h Mat v 16 Rom xvi 26 Mark xvi 15 Mat v 13,

i Mat v 17, 19 Luke xxiii 56 Mat xxii 37—40. Mark x 19 Rom xiii 8—10.

j 1 Thes v 19 Eph iv 30 Rom viii 1 Gal v 16.

k 1 John v 3 Mat xix 17; v 48 James i 4 2 John 6 Isa viii 20 1 Cor vii 19 John xiv 21.

l 1 John i 7 Acts ii 42 Eph v 11 1 John i 3 Phil i 5.

m Mat vi 6 Luke vi 12 Dan vi 10 Acts x 9 Jer x 25 Acts x 2, 30 Ps lv 17.

n Eph v 25 Col iii 19 Eph v 28 Col iii 18 Eph v 24 1 Pet iii 1 Eph vi 4 Col iii 21 Gen xviii 19 Col iii 20, 22 Eph vi 1, 2, 5, 9 Eph v 21 Rom xii 10 Col iii 13 Rom xii 18 Mat v 44 Mark xi 25, 26 Rom xii 20.

o Mark xiii 37 Mat xxvi 41 1 Cor xvi 13 1 Pet iv 7; v 8.

p Luke xviii 22 Mat xix 21 Prov xix 17, xxviii 27 Luke xi 41, xii 35 Dent xv 7 John xii 6 Rom xv 26 Gal ii 10 1 Cor xvi 1, 2 James i 27 Mat xxv 36 1 Tim v 10 Acts vi 1 Phil iv 14.

q Mat x 9 10 Luke x 7 1 Cor ix 4, 6, 11, 13, 14 Gal vi 8 2 Cor xi 8, 9 Dent xii 19 Phil iv 16, 18.

r Mat xviii 15, 17 1 Tim v 20 Gal vi 1 2 Thes iii 6 James v 16 1 Cor 11, 13 Rom xvi 17 2 John x Tit iii 10 1 Tim v 19 1 Cor v 4, 5 1 Tim i 20; vi 9, 5.

* At the time of communion, we make it our usual practice, to invite all Christians of good standing in any evangelical Church, to partake with us; in general, such persons only are known as true believers.

† Of course the ceremonial law, although instructive, is not now obligatory on the church.

CHAPTER XII.

DEATH.

The bodies of men, being subject to the calamities of the fall, all have died, as will be except Enoch, Elijah, and the Saints that will be on the earth at the