

such a natural aid. But such church, and, since nothing for a most unworthy. Were all other similar manner in the persons, are evident contrast with the ration for privilege or contributions, care, that in any of our you to bear marks, *secular* of spiritual profit, blessing of God, greater may be ready achieve have formed the we per might. As the piety, as the others, together of Christ, a consequence account of which its energies had that there establishments st. They have cy, and we can their influence ontrary, is as extensive in (it may be in) ment for evangelizing the whole earth. What are Missionary, and Bible Societies, but this principle in particular forms? Analogy also comes to our assistance. How much that is great and useful in agricultural and commercial enterprise must be referred to the same origin. So long as in any department valuable ends are presented to the mind, the principle will more or less be roused into action. This will apply to religion, according to the degrees in which its power is experienced on the heart.

In addition to the above, we would remind you of the duty of punctuality in your attendance on the house of God. No excuses for absence ought to be offered, which an enlightened conscience, and your Maker, cannot sustain. Were all careful to make this their rule of judgment, our audiences on the first day of the week would be much greater than they often are. The duty of which we speak recommends itself to your attention, on such considerations as these—christian order, example, mutual encouragement and fellowship, your highest profit, public deterrence to an ordinance which God particularly sanctions; also, that you may hear, and receive anew, the message of salvation, not merely for the purpose of worshipping God in the courts of his house, but to qualify you more extensively for all the services, enjoyments, and trials of the christian life. It is not wonderful that the spirit of God should often refer to a subject of such moment. "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."* In the calls which you have addressed to your respective Pastors, have you not come under obligations to the effect:—"To give them all due support and encouragement in the Lord." Do you restrict this to mere temporal maintainance? Do you not, besides, signi-

* Heb. x. 24, 25.