

of religion. "O tell it not in Gath; publish it not in the streets of Askelon, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph." Let family worship be attended to, not occasionally, but stately: let neither business, nor company, nor an unpleasant frame of spirit prevent. "In due time ye shall reap, if ye faint not." Teach your children the good and the right way of the Lord; and while they are under your care and controul, bring them as often as possible to the house of the Lord, that they may hear the gospel which you approve of, viz. the gospel of the grace of God. It is a grievous sight to regular ministers, and all consistent Christians to see the head of the family going stately to the place of worship, and the children wandering, to gratify a vain curiosity, to the different places of worship; or, even to other townships, not unfrequently to hear some impostor. The only way to prevent the evil is to begin in time to serve God aright, and keep fast hold of a strict but merciful family government.

6thly, Another evil we would warn you against, is the forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Be sure to attend all the prayer-meetings instituted by the church, whether weekly or monthly, &c. and that not as spectators, but as prayerful characters. Be strictly conscientious in attending the conference, or church meetings. When any absent themselves through worldly mindedness or indifference, there is a seat vacant that none else can fill,—there is a wound given to the brethren that none else can heal,—there is a stumbling-block cast in the way of God's people, that none but the delinquent can take up,—there is a detraction from the declarative glory of God that none else can restore.

We beseech you, dear Brethren, to be very careful to sanctify the Sabbath. Indulge not in sloth on the morning of this holy day. Be much in secret meditation and prayer: pray much for the church, for the minister, and for a world lying in wickedness. If ye have much love for the church, ye will pray much for its prosperity. If ye have much love for your minister, ye will pray frequently and fervently for his success in the gospel, and feel much affection towards him,