

Too much care and discretion cannot be exercised in the proper discharge of this pleasing service, incumbent on all parents and heads of families. You are to be examples of holiness to your children and all under your care. Notwithstanding all the facilities of the present ages for the mental and moral culture of the rising generation, you have still your duty in this respect to perform. You cannot delegate your position with its weighty and solemn responsibilities to another. You are to nurse your children for the Lord, to train them in the way they should go. It is said that God knew Abraham; that he would command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. Did God know the Patriarch? So he knows all; and will, at least, reward or punish according to the merit or demerit of our case. With all due admiration for parents who do their utmost to prepare their children for honorable positions in this life; we lament to see in any instance the absence of a religious training, and a neglect to educate their children in those principles which shall qualify them for a higher, holier, and everlasting life.

Be punctual in your attendance on the Class Meeting. We regard this institution as one of the tests of our membership and of our fidelity to religion.

The advantages derived from this blessed means of grace are invaluable. Beware of the objections some endeavor to raise against attendance on this means. Do not forget that God's people in all ages have manifested a desire for sanctified fellowship with Him and communion one with another. This is evident from the Apostle's words as given in the First Epistle General of John, i., 6, 7. Under trials peculiar to the times in which they lived, and circumstances in which they were found, they were strengthened to endure all things by the means of holy conversation and prayer. In the days of Malachi, "Those that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews says: "And 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; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." We thus claim Scriptural sanction for this observance, and are confident that the holy in heart among us who walk in the light of God's countenance will deem it a great privilege to enjoy sanctified intercourse with God's people during life's pilgrimage. They will regard it as truly "The communion of Saints;" and an exemplification of that holy interchange, the life of the redeemed in heaven. To