

AFTER DISTRIBUTING THE ELEMENTS.

HAVING partaken of the Ordinance of Communion, let me now exhort you to act suitably to the profession you have made, and the privilege you have enjoyed. Live by faith on the Son of God, who loved you and gave himself for you, and whose atoning death you have solemnly commemorated, as the foundation of all your hope. Renounce sin, in all its various forms and degrees, as that whose odious nature and bitter fruits you have seen exhibited in the symbols of Christ's body which was broken, and of his blood which was shed to deliver you from its guilt and power. Be careful to perform every duty to which you are called, as followers of him who died that he might "purify you unto himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And do not rest satisfied with a mere general or partial obedience—but recollecting that you have given yourselves away to God, study to be righteous before him, "walking in all his commandments, and in all his ordinances, blameless." Remember that this is necessary, both for your own salvation, and for the credit of your religion in the world—that unless you are thus faithful, and circumspect, and holy, you mar your spiritual comfort—unfit yourselves for entering into heaven—bring discredit on that worthy name by which you are called—and do material, incalculable injury to the everlasting interests of your brethren. And to encourage and support you in the path of righteous-