

it gave compactness and combination to the body, enlisted and sanctified the social feelings, and rendered them subservient to the service of religion. The quarterly visitation and renewal of tickets by the senior minister brought the society under pastoral inspection, and gave a completeness and efficiency to the whole that would have been difficult to attain by any other means. Referring to this matter in the sermon above quoted, Mr. W. says, "Once a quarter the principal preacher in every circuit examines every member of the societies therein. When it is necessary to exclude any disorderly members out of the society, it is done by not renewing his ticket at the quarterly visitation." The visitation of the classes was very frequently attended to by Mr. W. himself, and were seasons of great spiritual profit.

Up to the Conference of 1765, the tickets were very diversified in form, size, and style; some were plain, others pictorial; but at this Conference uniformity in the ticket was adopted; a simple form was introduced which has continued, and has at last reached the Church in this province. A diversity of opinion exists as to which is best—our old plan or the present—whether every purpose would not be answered by a variety of scriptural quotations and a uniformity of letter.

The passage for the current quarter is 1 Pet. iv. 18, "And if the righteous scarcely are saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

"The righteous,"—those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with a heart unto righteousness; whose hearts are changed; whose wills are rectified, who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus through the power of divine grace, walking in newness of life. Who in the midst of outward exposure and duty maintain a real sense of the abiding presence of Christ—of Christ in them, whose faith leads to such an appreciation of the divine will as the rule of life, as to make it the ruling power within them, making the secular subservient to the sacred, giving the idea of holiness to their entire being.

How great a salvation this—great not only in its procurement as the expression of the love of the infinite and eternal Father towards his offending offspring, but great in its bestowment of life, in its freedom-giving power to our faith, our will, our action, rendering our life in aim and in result one with truth, one with rectitude, one with God. And how great are the means by which these happy results are effected in us. Christ—Christ's blood shed for us—Christ and Christ's intercession—bestowment of the Holy Spirit, its actual operation upon minds—minds in action with it—prayer, penitence, faith, religious ordinances, Church associations and institutions, pastoral oversight, interest and instruction, these are among those blessed and holy agencies by which great and happy results are produced within us. Can it then be a matter of difficulty? Are the righteous scarcely saved? The way is narrow—the obstructions many within us, there is no aptitude to good but a great aptitude to evil—an "evil heart of unbelief." Outside of us—in the world—influences