

through grace to labour with quickened zeal and increased vigour for God. As those who are specially called to watch over souls, and who are conscious that at the last day, we shall have to give an account of our stewardship, we affectionately exhort you to be faithful to your vows and to walk worthy of your high calling, as true disciples of the Saviour. Do not forget the responsibilities you assumed when you became members of the Church of Christ. As Methodists, you are called upon, in an open and decisive manner, to acknowledge Christ. You are, therefore, to take up your cross daily and confess His name, to follow him through evil and good report. This cannot be accomplished independently of Divine help. Strive therefore to obtain that assistance which God will give unto all who believe in Him. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus the Lord. Obtain that faith which will give you the victory over the world. Aim at holiness of heart. Pray for inward purity. Zealously conform to the doctrines and precepts of Holy Scripture. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Thus shall your lives exhibit to the world a scene of entire devotion to the service of the Saviour, and men will glorify God in you. Continue with the heart to believe unto righteousness, and with the mouth make confession unto God. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance, patience, and to patience, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity. For these things &c.—1 Peter, 1, 5—10.

We wish you to manifest in your Christian life, your sympathy with our Rules and Discipline, your practical approval of our doctrine and Church Polity; and to identify yourselves with us in all our endeavours to spread Scriptural holiness over the land. We therefore urge upon you the necessity of the faithful and constant discharge of your various duties in connection with your Church membership and profession of godliness. Be attentive, dear Brethren, to the means of grace. Cultivate a love for closet prayer and devotion. In private communion with the Holy Trinity pour out your petitions to the Almighty, and dwell in the secret place of the Most High. The spiritual strength, moral courage, Christian prudence, and sanctified thought and affections derived from this source will qualify you for every duty, secular or sacred, which you are daily called to perform. Remember also the family altar. We fear lest this duty of paramount importance to the religious training of our families, should be by any either entirely neglected, or conducted in an irregular and indifferent manner, rendering its designs and lessons in a great degree abortive.