

AN ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES,

OF THE

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Being assembled together once more in Conference, we embrace the opportunity afforded us of addressing you on a few of the most important subjects that constitute the foundation of our Union, Glory, and Strength. As Jehovah the Great Head of the Church, has set us as watchmen upon the walls of Zion, we feel it our duty not only to seek the peace and prosperity of her citizens, but to sound an alarm if at any time we see an invading foe, or danger near.

We now invite your attention to the state of our Church, and of the privileges and duties, which form the source of our joy, and the obligations of our calling.

In casting a glance over the "Little Hills of our Zion," we see a freshness on the surface, like the face of the vegetable world, evincing internal life. The Lord has truly watered his heritage, and the result is, an increase of peace, joy, and righteousness, in the hearts and lives of many of the members; a greater attachment to the doctrine and discipline of the Connexion; and an increase to our church of souls, a great majority of whom we believe are made "New creatures in Christ Jesus." To God be all the praise. And now, brethren, we exhort you to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, "and seek to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," "Live in the Spirit," and let your motto be "Holiness unto the Lord." "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, arise then and wash away all your sins calling upon the name of the Lord." "We entreat you who believe, to be careful to maintain good works." Let your religion be of a practical character.—"Ye are my servants, saith the Lord, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Again, if ye love me, keep my commandments."

Our safety, happiness, and usefulness, are inseparably connected with our duty. "Who shall harm ye if ye be followers of that which is good?"—This our safety. "In keeping thy commandments there is great reward." This is our happiness. And if we shine as lights in the world, others seeing our good works will glorify our Father who is in heaven. In thus living we are useful. We entreat you to be diligent in your attendance to the public and private means of grace—the ministry of the word, prayer meetings,

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