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The returns from several stations show a falling off by means of names being *dropped*, not so much for falling into open sin as from a neglect of the means of grace, more especially the Class and Prayer Meetings. Your Ministers and Representatives now in Conference assembled, feel impressed to urge upon all the members and officers of our Church, the importance of regular attendance upon *all the means of grace*. The preaching of the Word is important, but the Lord's Supper, Fellowship, and Prayer Meetings, are of equal importance. We fear that many of you never attend the weekly meeting for prayer; others never attend the class meeting; some are very irregular in their attendance on the public preaching of the Word. Nothing will tend more certainly and rapidly to a decline in spiritual life and enjoyment, than indifference to the ordinances of the Sanctuary. God calls it "robbery,"—"Yet ye have robbed me."

The principles of piety are the same as under the old economy, and those who refuse to perform the duties of the Christian Church, are as verily robbing God as the Jews of old. While Christianity has, by Divine revelation, dropped from its list of duties and services the merely typical and ceremonial part of the Mosaic institution, it has by no means dropped the *spirit* of that service, nor dropped at all that spiritual worship, that Divine communion and holy fellowship ex-

pressed by the Prophet Malachi, ch. iii. v. 16, "Then they 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 that thought upon His name."

Church records on earth, tell alarming tales of negligence in duty; but could we glance into the "Book of remembrance" written before God, what would we see? Yet, doubtless, that Book is kept with the same unerring wisdom and justice that kept it in the days of yore, and will be one of those books out of which the dead will be judged, seen by St. John, Rev. xx. 21. Christianity, dear friends, is not a lax antinomian system; it not only retains the holy law of Sinai, as a rule of moral conduct, but it has its laws and means of spiritual life, and of progress in that life. *A dead faith* can no more save us than *dead works*. Spiritual life *must* be fed—regularly fed. We therefore urge attendance upon *all* the means of grace, as far as possible. To heads of families, we say, Worship God in your families; read the Scriptures and conduct family prayer once a day, at least, and oftener, when practicable. Supply your family with good reading, especially a Religious Weekly. We know of none better or cheaper than our own Organ the *Observer*, and we think this paper should circulate in every family in our Denomination; and should any family be too poor