

and increasing the efficiency of public and private worship. Let us wait on God, in the spirit recommended to us in the words of our Saviour, when describing the worshippers of the Father, "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Unitedly and believingly, let us seek for soul quickening, and *soul saving* worship. The salvation of souls is the chief end of the institutions of religion, and the greatest ornament which can be attached to our services. The immortal souls privileged to dwell with us in heaven, will be the most sublime reward we can enjoy for our labor. Companions in heavenly, soul-saving effort! let us plead mightily, and preach faithfully, expecting the word of God to be the means of arousing men from the sleep of sin. Let us labor in hope, for God "healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." O for souls! a multitude of souls! both on the circuits and missions. Pray the effectual prayer of the righteous man, at every sanctuary, and every family altar, and work for souls in fervor, improving every opportunity. How is it, dear brethren and sisters, officers and teachers, that the harvest is not more plenteous? How is it the sheaves are so few? and the Church so lean? Are we losing the aptitude for that kind of effort which has been so eminently successful in the past? Are we diminishing in the possession of the mighty talent, which gives the qualification for winning souls?—are we permitting indifference, or carnality, to render powerless those forms of service which gave such brilliancy and glory to the history of our Church in the days gone by? We ask, brethren, in the solemn presence of God, and in prospect of the judgment, if, when the pale faces in the sepulchre flame again with life, and their searching vision fastens on us in the awe struck assembly, will they accuse us of feeble rebukes, time-serving palliations, or cruel neglect? Can we see sinners waste their substance, and hurry on to the deep, dark gulph of woe, without putting forth strenuous effort to turn this tide of souls towards the throne of God and of the Lamb? If we are not true to our vows of ordination, and faithful to our God and fellow-men, lost souls *will witness against us* at the last day, as the wail of eternal woe commences, never to die away. Oh! rather may divine precept, Christian consistency, the benevolent spirit of our age, and the examples of the great and good, *help* and *urge* us to watch and pray—to WORK AND LIVE, for the salvation of souls.