

It is a principle fully proven in our times, dear brethren, that prosperity ordinarily depends upon the growth of personal piety in the church. To please the Almighty, there must be enlargement of heart, love of souls, solid determination to do all things to the glory of God, and patient continuance in good works. Household religion is, as the healthy development of personal religion, affectionately and strenuously urged upon you for cultivation ; that a strict accordance of example, a faithful witness of life, an illustrative testimony of matured, thorough Christianity, may give direction to your children, instruction to your domestics, and add honor, satisfaction and comfort to your homes, through the length and breadth of our beloved church. Entire consecration to God was a prominent subject of conversation during the Sessions of the Conference. It was pleasing to see how the brethren harmonised in their views of its importance, as a personal grace ; the power the church would possess, in its experience ; and the pledge they together made that they would seek to more fully attain to it, and more perfectly fulfil its obligations. Let us each follow them in their noble example ; in preaching it more frequently ; praying for it more earnestly ; and aiding each other in the pursuit of it more sincerely. The pure morals and pious habits of our youth, proper direction in the employment of talent, the just use of their time, their most happy social alliances, cannot be accomplished, cultivated, or maintained in any class of society, or circumstance of life, without the most conscientious cultivation of holiness unto the Lord. If we would have power to withstand the encroachments of intemperance, the spiritual depravity of Sabbath desecration, the sins of social life, the licentiousness of aliens from the public ordinances of religion, we must see to it, dear brethren, that our consecration to the Most High is *entire* and *continuous*.

There is peculiar pressure upon us to keep up our social religious institutions, in both character and numbers. Encourage every class-leader by prompt, friendly, and faithful co-operation : strive that distance, business, pleasure, or society never encroach, if it can be conveniently prevented, upon the regular attendance of every member at this valuable means of grace.