

bye be called upon to do (Rom. xiv. 12), that the judge of all the earth will say to him, Well done, good and faithful servant? I never saw him again, but though many years have elapsed since our conversation occurred, yet I have never forgotten it, and even now the solemn words of the Lord Jesus rise before my mind in connection with it, "What is a man profited though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" It is true that the possession of a wife and family entails much trouble and expense, but that is richly repaid where the husband and father has been faithful to his trust. If, however, he has neglected the care of his own soul, and as a necessary consequence the care of the souls of those whom God has given him, and who are entirely dependent upon him for everything; (for what or who is more helplessly dependent than a babe?) what in such a case will any excuse avail? Will He whose eyes are like a flame of fire, He who searcheth the hearts and trieth the reins of the children of men, be turned from the path of judgment by the vain excuse, Lord, I had not time to attend to the care of my soul, because I had to attend to my family? Assuredly not.

I have pondered over the case of this New Brunswicker, for I feel assured there was an erroneous idea in his mind, as well as in the minds of many others upon the subject of salvation. So far as I can remember, what he said amounted to this, that he could not afford the time that would be required for him to obtain salvation. There was much to be said,