

every other gift. They are the records of God's will,—dictated by his unerring Spirit,—penned by his servants,—preserved by his providence,—and bequeathed unto you by his grace. O, how highly ought you to value such a treasure !—With what sacred interest ought you to look on that inspired book, beaming in every page with love, and stamped upon every line with mercy and truth. “Receive not the word of God in vain ;” seek in it, the law of your lives. If any of you are so hardened in sin, that you deem its truths but idle tales, may the Lord God awaken you to juster views, before in judgment he will visit you. If any of you have been heretofore careless in the perusal of it, be so no more. It will guide your steps into that better country which lies “beyond the great river.” Into that country you cannot enter, unless you be “nourished up in the words of faith, and of good doctrine.” If any of you, like the Psalmist, have made the “law of God your delight,” its words must have been “sweet unto your souls.” I need hardly exhort you to “continue in the things which you have learned ;” for I am sure you would not exchange the comfort they give, for a thousand worlds.

And while I commend the word of God unto you, I would also earnestly “commend you unto God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified.” The word of God is