

Heavenly Father sees meet to prepare his chosen ones in the furnace of affliction, agreeably to the Prophets declaration "I have refined thee but not with silver, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction". Much interest was felt for those who stand in the responsible stations of mothers: that as delegated shepherds over the lambs committed to their charge, they may so live before the throne of Grace as to become qualified to train them up in the way they should go, to sow their seed in the morning and in the evening to withhold not their hand. Then although they know not, whether this or that shall prosper, they can with conscious integrity commit their cause to Him whom they were desirous to serve.

Our beloved young friends were affectionately invited to yield their hearts unreservedly to the influence of that love which would redeem them from the world, enable them to bear the cross in their daily walks through life, clothe them with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, and fit and prepare them to aid in promoting the Lords work in the earth. And all were earnestly entreated to endeavour to act consistently with their

christian profession, thereby giving a practical evidence of the excellency of the precious testimonies given us to bear.

Under an humbling sense of the many favours vouchsafed to us at this season, we conclude to meet again next year if so permitted.