

you that you have something more to do than merely to abstain from the use of strong liquors. The traffic is increasing in a fearful ratio; young men, the hope of our country, are daily being drawn into the awful vortex of dissipation. The mighty tide, in its onward course, bears some from every rank and class in society into the fearful whirlpool; the church of God, and even the pulpit, form no exception to the awful truth. Every effort to cure the evil hitherto has proved a failure; and we fully believe must continue to do so until the people shall arise in their might and compel our legislators to sweep forever, from the Statute Book, every vestige of the license law, and place the sale of strong drink, where reason and humanity, and christianity proclaim it *should* be placed, in the black catalogue of crimes against our common humanity.

We would urge upon you the importance of a strict observance of the Sabbath by your families. Great dangers attend their morals from the loose notions that prevail respecting Sabbath obligation. The public disregard shown to this institution by Rail Road and other public companies, can scarcely fail to produce a deleterious effect on their minds, unless carefully counteracted by you. We hope you will be ready by every possible means to sustain the honor of God's Holy Day.

The Missionary enterprise demands your increased liberality. You are Methodists, and as such you recognise the obligation to be ready to every good work. Your liberality has enabled the Missionary Society to extend its operations to many destitute portions of the country; but much yet remains to be done. God is raising up more laborers every year; and we confidently look to you for means to sustain them.

You will not, we trust, forget the necessity of making competent allowances to your preachers. We do not ask this through "love of lucre," but our efficiency as Ministers in a great measure depends upon our being

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