

earth and freeze every generous impulse of sympathy and benevolence; *pleasure*, that smiles blandly to lure the unwary, while the poison of moral death lurks beneath that hollow promise of happiness, and doubting *unbelief*, that soothes the pangs of a stifled conscience with a rejection of the voice of infinite love, only to lure on its infatuated victims to a deeper alienation and a blacker despair. All these lurk along the path of life to effect the work of destruction; and should not the knowledge of foes so dreadful, and dangers so alarming nerve us to unwearied activity in arming the young with the whole armor of God, that they may be prepared to fight and win on the great battle-field on which they are entering? Christian parent, your children are launching upon life's ocean voyage. How shall they go? Shall it be provided with necessary supplies, a true compass and a trustworthy chronometer? Or shall it be without compass or helm to be swept before the winds and waves of temptation till wrecked on some fatal reef; the sad result of your indifference to their spiritual interests in the spring time of life? Immortal interests are committed to your keeping, endeavor to perform the work assigned you with prayerful anxiety, looking from the things that are seen and temporal to those that are unseen and eternal.

4. And is not the church of God urged to more consistent earnestness in her efforts to save the young *by the losses she has sustained by past neglect*. What a sad catalogue of crime and sorrow has resulted from the neglect of early spiritual culture! disobedience to parents—forgetfulness of God—loss of character and power of usefulness—death without hope and the eternal loss of the soul, have been witnessed under circumstances that gave ground to conclude that if all who in the name of Christ had faithfully done their duty, it might not so have been with many now forever undone.

The law of progress in our own church has been conquest rather than growth. How much ministerial time and toilsome effort has been expended, (often with little success) in endeavoring to bring

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