

of their lives. Train them early to help the Lord in His battle with the mighty.

Physical science is making astonishing progress every year. Traders and adventurers are penetrating to the loneliest and most secluded regions of the world. They carry with them more or less of the light of civilization; they pave the way directly or indirectly for the bringer of Glad-tidings. The demand for the "Light" is increasing every day, and so are the opportunities for diffusing it. What must not the demand be in a few years! What must be the responsibilities of those who are now young,—who are attending our day schools, and our Sabbath schools, when the ends of the earth shall be brought as it were to our doors, by Railways, Steamers and Telegraphs, and when intercourse will be not only practicable, but inevitable. Parents and teachers should bear constantly in mind, the ever increasing work to be done for God, by each successive generation; and let the young be led early to do something,—to do what they can, be it much or little. The mind should be stored with correct knowledge, and sound doctrine. Feelings of charity, strong, pure and true, should be cultivated, and the hands should never be idle in God's cause—even the hands of the children.

The battle against Infidelity, Unitarianism, Universalism, and error in all its forms will very likely prove more arduous and dangerous in the near future than ever before. We, who are established in the faith, should carefully train our children, and the young committed to our care to fight this battle, and to encounter fearlessly all the assaults of the foe, however fierce, or frequent, and however crafty.

The children of our own Church should be well instructed in God's Word, and also in the subordinate standards of the Church. The shorter Catechism and the Confession of Faith should be more popular, even than they are among us. "Perilous times" are coming which shall prove our faith. Let us train in view of the day of trial, as the soldier does for the battle field. We do not know what may be in the womb of the future, but we know that no preparation can be better or more safe in every event,

than a loving acquaintance with God's Word, and a willingness ever to work for God. For there is nothing like honest labour in the Gospel field to curb the wild passion for speculation, and to strengthen "faith, hope and charity" by keeping the soul near to Christ.

If we wish to see our children growing up in the ways of peace, truth and virtue; if we wish to leave the world better than we find it; and if we wish that it should be still better after we shall have gone to our long home, let us do what in us lies to instil sound principles into their minds, and give them constant opportunities for exercising their hearts and hands in God's cause. Let them assist the poor; let them canvass for more scholars to attend the Sabbath School; let them collect for the *Dayspring*, or for any of the "Schemes of the Church." Encourage them to exercise the virtues of frugality and liberality, which must always go hand in hand. Teach them the necessity of showing forth their faith in Christ, and their love to Him by acts of self denial, and a never failing spirit of sacrifice, children who love Christ are the strength and ornament of the Church and the hope of the world.

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### MISSIONARIES TO JAMAICA.

Our readers are generally aware of the fact that the Rev. Thomas Downie, late of Antigonish, has accepted the charge of the old and flourishing congregation of Hampden, in Jamaica, and we think we are not mistaken in the opinion that the following remarks from the pen of our esteemed brother will be read with deep interest. Another of our clergymen, Rev. William Murray, recently of Cornwallis, has also accepted an appointment in the service of the U. P. Church, to labour in Jamaica, and has sailed, with Mrs. Murray and children, for their destination, since the issue of our last number. Mr. Murray was not only an earnest labourer in his congregation, but an active and very useful member of our Church Courts, and we trust that the Great Master will open to him a wide door and effectual, and give him grace and