

exactly forty per cent. to the membership returned at the last Conference. This growth appears equally favourable if we consider it in relation to the number of labourers employed, being an increase of about 20 for each minister and probationer. For this token of the Divine favour let us be deeply humbled before God, and, giving Him all the praise, let us go forward looking to Him alone. The increased attendance at the public services is also full of encouragement.

We understand the hindrances which, in many parts of the country, render it impossible to bring the Sabbath-school and the Class-meeting to their highest efficiency. We therefore exhort you to diligently guard, at home, the moral and spiritual welfare of the children. Where attendance at the Sabbath-school is not possible, a couple of hours of each Sabbath may well be devoted to a Sabbath-school service at home. The children must not be allowed to drift. The careful study of the Word of God is the best preventive against loose notions in doctrine and practice. By some means, let us teach our children that the form of Christianity cherished by their fathers is adapted to their deepest necessities. Let them see that God has honoured it, and that we have faith in it.

For the Class-meeting we have no fear, so long as converting power attends the ministry of the Word. A true spiritual life demands fellowship. It is not absence, when necessary, from any stated ordinance, but the loss of love for it, that is to be dreaded. Great hindrances may prevent the observance of the means of grace, and yet the individual suffer no loss. If he cultivates intimacy with God by the study of the Word and secret prayer, keeping the heart aglow with fervent devotion, even his temporary privations will be turned into a blessing; but under these circumstances the Church, as a whole, suffers a loss of working influence. Individual members of the Church, devoted earnestly to God, and united in a strong attack upon the world, will soon bring all mankind to Christ.

We are happy, in addressing you, to be able to join in thanksgiving that the calamities which three months ago darkly threatened us, have been arrested. We have felt the terrible shock of war. Peaceful occupations have been interrupted. Many of you have been called to volunteer your services, and to risk your lives, in defence of the national authority. Some of your homes have been menaced and threatened with a visitation of the worst cruelties that savagery can invent. During this season of unrest and uncertainty as to what a day might bring forth, your regular duties have been greatly interrupted, and disadvantage and loss must be the result.

All who have been placed in such trying circumstances have received constantly the deepest sympathy of good men and women throughout the whole land, and all that prayer could do to help has

been done. When rebellion, so common in this country, has been a protracted Indian war, now seemingly ended, now seemingly renewed, now seemingly ended, now seemingly renewed, results have been unprecedented: while and fatiguing necessity, and for deeds of a name which we thank God for the immunity from glorious results, favour of Divine person of our Sovereign as a result of the

We call your attention to this question. As to the question of the liquor trade, as a result of the many years. It is the only efficient society by the liquor trade, seven years ago, local option law, as the Scott Act, approaching per right direction. has been carried contests. The present time, ab Act is enforced years before it of Halton, Ontario, of submitting a only about two minously defeated electors, and a session of Parliament so as to allow the feared that the Commons.