

juvenile labour, it has but little weight. In the presence of the vast amount of ignorance and consequent vice, so distinctly brought out by statistics and reports innumerable, various schemes have been set on foot to check this ever-swelling tide. There can be no doubt that, theoretically, the best security for the education of every child will be found on the parents conviction of the inestimable value of that education, and the resolution to make every sacrifice necessary to its attainment. But such a happy condition universally, can only be found in Utopia, or at the millenium ; meanwhile, we must take human nature as we find it."

The urgent educational question at present is not, how shall we provide the highest possible culture for the few, but, how shall we ensure that the many shall avail themselves of that measure of instruction which is unspeakably important, if not indispensable for all ?

And, in the solution of this question, might not more be done by the several sections or by the numerous individuals composing the Christian community ? I cheerfully acknowledge that a considerable amount of benevolence and religious zeal is put forth on behalf of Sunday Schools, whether held in direct connection with the several Christian Congregations of our city, or conducted as Mission or as Union Schools. All honour to those who, at the cost of much time, self-denial, money and labour, thus endeavour to diminish the mass of ignorance, vice, irreligion, and misery, and to increase the sum of knowledge, virtue, religion, and happiness. But there are seven days in every week ; and there is much reason to fear that there are very

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