

the past. Just as our fathers realized the conditions that lay about them, and acted in accordance with those conditions, so must we act in the present according to the demands of the present.

We need to use the First-day School as a missionary, a means, a channel for presenting a clearer understanding of the faith for which the Society stands.

We have always been considered a peculiar people by the world at large, keeping aloof from the balance of Christianity and holding views which have not been clearly understood by them—slow to spread the truth as we see it, and have fallen into error by thinking only how we might keep what we already have.

It is well to teach our children our faith, but we must not forget to carry the truth to those outside our own household.

The greatest stumbling block is "indifference." Too many are willing to excuse themselves on the ground of inability, then again there are too many of a critical nature, and pride prevents us from doing the work we might do, because we think we cannot do it as well as some one else. But in the First-day School work we need a diversity of gifts; it may be only the silent sympathetic presence, but no one is without responsibility in the matter.