

if our pulpits are to be filled with well-furnished and thoroughly equipped men, we bespeak for our Theological Schools and Colleges that practical sympathy and help which the importance of their work demands, inasmuch as we are persuaded that there is no field of Christian philanthropy in which liberal sowing will reap so rich a harvest.

The Sabbath School is also an institution of the Church whose value we can hardly overestimate. The children are the hope of the Church. A grand work has been done in this department of Christian activity during the past year. Encourage the teachers in their work. They need your sympathy and help. Supplement the instruction imparted at the school by a holy life and godly counsel at home.

We also earnestly recommend to your favorable consideration our valuable connexional paper, the *Christian Guardian*. You cannot be intelligent Methodists without it. Welcome it to your homes—it will be a boon to yourselves and your children. Its weekly visits will keep you fully informed on the great questions which affect our welfare and progress as a Church, whilst its fearless exposure of error either in doctrine or practice will prove an excellent safeguard against the baneful influence of the false theories so abundant at the present day.

Above all things else be diligent students of the Word of God. Do not let the daily or weekly newspaper, much less the pernicious novel, supplant the devout and habitual reading of the Word of God. Bring to its pages the bended knee and the upward look. For doctrines of faith and rules of living hold to the Word of God. Open its pages widely before you, pray over it abundantly, and your whole soul, body, and mind shall be full of light.

We would again reiterate the duty of the Church to maintain an attitude of uncompromising hostility to our national sin the Liquor Traffic.

Why should such a monstrous iniquity be perpetuated in a professedly Christian land? Use your franchise whenever the opportunity occurs in support of the Canada Temperance Act for the suppression of the soul-destroying traffic. Agitate, work, pray, and vote for the total prohibition of a business which has desolated more homes, destroyed more bodies, and ruined more souls than any other vice against which the wrath of God is kindled. Brethren, be earnest in this matter. There never has been a warfare against any other form of organized wrong in which so many interests were involved. The present and eternal well-being of hundreds of our fellow-men will be determined by the course you pursue. Let every word you speak and every vote you cast declare your resolve to promote the cause of sobriety, righteousness, and truth.

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