

a more thorough consecration to God and holy resolution to seek the conversion of scholars while under their care. We look upon the school as a part of the church, and teachers as standing midway between the family and the pulpit, and by their labors preparing intelligent hearers of the gospel and useful laborers in the work of God. Let there be earnest, believing prayers, diligent teaching of Bible truth, and we shall have thousands rising from our schools to become our most active and useful labourers in the church.

While the spiritual part of the work will claim your first attention you will feel the importance of providing funds necessary to carry forward the gospel of Christ. Where there is true scriptural christianity there will be pleasure in giving due financial support, according to the ability that Providence has given. And "God loveth a cheerful giver." The Christian ministry has strong claims on the support of the church: "Let him that is taught in the word minister to him that teacheth in all good things." And the liberality that is manifested by many members of our churches is a sacrifice well pleasing to God; because, by it a gospel ministry is sustained.

But while you liberally support the ministry, by which you are built up in the faith of Christ, there are other parts of the work in which many brethren are laboring with self-denial and self-sacrificing zeal that require your pecuniary help as well as your fervent prayers. We, therefore, strongly recommend the missionary department of the work to your liberality. We want an enlargement of its funds, that we may sustain men who are toiling and undergoing hardships in thinly populated parts of the country, and send forth others to carry the gospel to the settlers in their new locations. Remember that God, who cannot lie, hath said: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

We also commend the Book Room and *Christian Journal* to your special attention. By the purchase of literature from our book store for your schools and families you will render help to important funds, and obtain it as good and cheap as from other houses in the regular trade. The editorial department of the *Christian Journal* is now placed in the hands of the Rev. T. Guttery; let it be read in every family, and we doubt not that its intelligence will cheer the hearts of the lovers of our Zion.

Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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