

papers which enter your home. Let not one that tends to oppose the principles of God's Word be tolerated on any account. Sin is not to be tolerated. By every loyal soldier it is to be hated, denounced, resisted to the utmost. As invaluable auxiliaries in this great work we commend to you the literature of our own Church. The *Guardian*, the *Banner*, the *Magazine*, and the children's papers, are in every way reliable, and are worthy of your liberal patronage. We take it as a proof that you are not unmindful of this duty since the sales of the Book Room for the past year show a very gratifying increase, notwithstanding the increased cost of books and living.

We ask your continued efforts in the great cause of Temperance. Your work has been effective. Your influence has been felt in the halls of legislation and throughout the country. Arduous work is yet before you. Vast are the evils and mighty the unscrupulous agencies of this soul-destroying traffic. Combine your energies at once to secure all that legislation makes your privilege, and let the power of moral suasion be employed more vigorously than ever in view of the special demands and opportunities of the present crisis.

Guard the sanctity of the Lord's Day. As citizens, oppose every attempt to open the way for excursions or amusements on that day. Yield not to those godless social customs which, in some places and cases, draw people from the house of prayer, and from the religious instruction of the children, to spend the day in visits, gossip, and feasting. Prayerful effort will enable you and your families to "keep it holy," and to call it "a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable."

The educational work of the year shows advancement. The vast advantage and absolute necessity of a thoroughly equipped ministry are felt by the whole Church. For this high and holy vocation we need the most powerful minds, the warmest hearts, the best culture. We must pray that the "tongue of fire" may be given; we must also labour that

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