

cupies a position in this Province from which, we verily believe, she is destined never to recede. Her economy is admirably adapted to the circumstances of this Colony, and but for her, we have reason to apprehend, thousands of now rejoicing Christians would be unconnected with the visible Church. The late returns for Upper Canada furnish us with conclusive evidence that a very respectable portion of the inhabitants sympathise with our position and are not ashamed to be called by our name. The erection of chapels and parsonage houses in many parts our work, and the increasing liberality of our brethren and friends in sustaining the members of this Conference while laboring among them, prove that our cause is advancing. But above all, we feel that the cause of rational devotion, of genuine piety, of scriptural knowledge, was never more apparent among us than at the present time. We are not satisfied, however, with this condition alone. We pray for a season of great quickening, of gracious revival, of a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We exhort you, dear brethren, to co-operate with us in this special engagement, it is one in which we are mutually interested.

We deem this a suitable occasion to impress upon you more fully the importance of family and Sabbath School instruction. Doubtless we are ourselves more or less at fault for our inattention to this department of our work; but a large share of the neglect likewise lies at the door of the parents and guardians of those children who look for instruction at our hand. While most other denominations of Christians have entered largely into this field, it is to be regretted that we have done but little. The religious education of our children is not a matter of indifference. It is a solemn duty. We omit it at our peril. If we expect to secure a stable and consistent membership—and this, we doubt not, is your wish—we must sow the seed of religious knowledge in the young and tender soil.

In connexion with this, we would urge upon you, dear brethren, the necessity of *studying* (not simply *reading*) the sacred Scriptures. We believe a neglect of this duty has been the cause of many "being carried about by every wind of doctrine." The Bible is brought within the reach of the most indigent. Read a portion of it every day. Consult it. Pray for the enlivening influence of the Spirit while you peruse it, and it will prove to you indeed the "Word of life."

The want of a seminary of learning has for some time been seriously felt among us. We hope the time is not far distant when this desideratum will be supplied. We believe there are both ability and disposition among you to respond suitably to the call whenever we shall deem it expedient to appeal to your liberality. We shall then enjoy facilities for imparting a