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complishment of this end, we commend to your sympathy and fostering care the Sabbath School. We rejoice in the growing efficiency and influence of this Christian instrumentality. The Sunday School should be the nursery of our Church, not merely by the instruction of the children in the Word of God, but through their conversion and introduction into the membership of the Church. Have faith in the religious capacity of children, and make it the great object of your Sabbath School labors to lead them *now* to Christ.

The Home and Foreign departments of our Missionary work; the cause of Education now demanding so greatly the attention of Christians; the various departments of philanthropic efforts, and the work of God in your own immediate neighborhood, and in connection with your own local Church, afford all needed opportunity, yea, make urgent appeals for the more faithful exercise of personal labor, benevolence and prayer.

And now brethren we call you to prove all the meaning of the Christian life. Let no influence prevent your realization of the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof—but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Know once for all that "ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." Do not forget that your wealth is held in trust for God, and his work. You have dedicated this also in your repentance-vows; and will a man rob God? The Christian Church elsewhere is rising to meet the responsibilities which health imposes. Let us not be laggards. As Christians, and as Methodists, we