

Lessons, for the great wisdom and faithfulness exercised in the discharge of the work, which is so full of interest to all.

As a class, who, it will be allowed, have exceptional opportunities of observing matters which concern the present and prospective interests of the Congregation, we would this year again call the attention of parents and friends to the fact that several of our children who might conveniently attend our own Sabbath School do not do so, but go to swell the volume of other Sabbath Schools. The teachers hold this as a grievance, and would regard it as an act of kindly appreciation of, and co-operation in the work if this practice should be brought to a stop. The welfare of the Congregation demands it. The children should, in every possible case, attend the Sabbath School to which they properly belong, so they might grow up in love and sympathy with the other youth, and with the best interests and associations of the Congregation.

It is on natural; internal increase, cherished and promoted in this way, that old established congregations, like Knox, must in future mainly depend for a sustained and healthy progress. New comers can take little interest in the past history and traditions of any congregation, however fondly these memories may be cherished by the honored veterans of those scenes.

We call your serious attention also to the case of several young men and young women, loiterers on our borders, who yet attend neither Sabbath School, Bible Class, nor Church Service, but drift about aimlessly with kindred spirits, spending their money for that which is not bread. We ask the assistance of all in the work of reclaiming such young people, and of giving them a place among us.

This work, we are persuaded, the Lord requires of us as a church, as of individuals:—to deal our bread to the hungry, that we bring the poor that are cast out to our house, when we see the naked to cover him; and that we hide not our face from poor brethren, or kindred. "Then," and the promise shall not fail, "shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; and the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward."

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