

Heaven is unequivocally declared. Unhallowed associations and influence mark them; habit keeps them, and the world of woe gets them. Hallowed associations and influence will prevent the youth and those who seek for pleasure but in worldly associations, from becoming such; efforts and organization will often reform, and encouragement to labors with the inebriate, will tend to keep him in the path of rectitude and sobriety, and lead to joys on high.

We wish to enjoin upon you the necessity, as christians, of keeping "holy the Sabbath day." Our example should be such as would lead our families and neighborhood to respect and honor the Lord's day. Sabbath visiting, for its own sake, especially such as would take us from the house of God, encouraging or even allowing it in others, whereby our attendance upon the means of grace is prevented, would surely result in leanness to yourselves, injury to your families, and detriment to Zion. Practicing it, or allowing it so as to prevent our attendance upon the means of grace, is plainly a violation of the spirit and letter of our Discipline. Page 17.

Sabbath Schools have a strong claim upon our time, our efforts, our means. We cannot overrate their importance. They bear the same relation to the future church as the nursery to the orchard—the time of seed-sowing to in-gathering. We cannot, time will not allow us, to say what we would wish on this matter, or what its importance to our future as a church would demand. But why is it necessary, dear brethren, that your pastors should thus, collectively, urge it upon your consideration? You know, acknowledge, feel its importance. Then act, that the future may rise up and call you blessed! As you love the church, as you love your country, as you love your own, use your influence in every way feasible, to commence, build up, and perpetuate a Sabbath School in your neighborhood.

Allow us to say a word or two about our class-meetings. You are Methodists. Class-meetings are Methodist. They are bands strong for Methodism. They have been owned and blessed of God; hence, are Christian. Do you doubt it? Revert to the time of your conversion. Was there a sweeter place on earth to you than the class-room? Nay, verily! When were they neglected? When your heart grew worldly, and love waxed cold. Is this not proof of affinity between the warm, glowing, christian heart and these means? And that what is worldly has no affinity for such associations. Then as you regard your vitality in religion, your connection with its Author, and your hope of Heaven, neglect not the class-meeting! We feel to say much more upon this important question, but cannot. May God impress what is said, that you may grow in grace until you become perfect men and women in Christ Jesus!

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