

trine and discipline. But if this be neglected, they will have no correct knowledge of what is held and taught by the Church, of which they are members ; and having no settled convictions on the subject of religion, no well defined principles to guide their future course in life, they are likely to become the prey of some wild enthusiasts, or to settle down in a state of general infidelity.

And, moreover, when we consider the increasing prevalence of crime ; the great laxity of morals ; the levity and frivolity, and insatiable love of pleasure ; the giddy round of amusements, so eagerly sought out and followed, more especially by the young ; owing, it is to be feared, in a great measure, to the absence of religious teaching in the Schools of the Country ; we shall see the great need of using all diligence, in our public and private ministrations, to guard our people against these soul destroying evils ; and to make them sober-minded, devout, and holy in their lives and conversation, as God would have them to be, and as the Church has directed that they should be. For this purpose both the Pulpit and the Sunday School may be used with great advantage ; and the members of the Church, thus taught and carefully instructed in their duties and their privileges, will become more affectionately, and intelligently attached to the doctrines and teaching inculcated ; and will, in their turn, endeavour, by God's blessing, to diffuse and disseminate those good and holy principles, which they have