

some places, to make the public service an entertainment rather than a mighty effort to "rescue the perishing" who crowd our evening congregations. Let us honor the Word; it will accomplish its work when effectively spoken. (Isaiah lv. 11.)

As we thank God for the loyalty of our Canadian people to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to the institutions of our country, we would lift up our voices, and, as with a trumpet-blast, cry, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." To keep it is to obey God, and to be true to the best interests of humanity. No people can oppose God and prosper. To be loyal to Him is to be blessed. Brethren, let not the hedge about the Lord's Day be broken down in any of its sections. Summer travel by land and water, some of the great engineering works of to-day, and the very spirit of this age in a thousand forms invade the sanctity of Sabbath rest, and make the poor man poorer, even though he earn a larger wage. In the keeping of the Sabbath there is great reward. Listen to the record, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasures, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah lviii. 13, 14.)

We think a wider range of thought concerning, and a larger spiritual care for, our children would yield the richest revenues of moral, social and intellectual gain. We deplore the present usage of merely baptizing them, and then making no recognition of their Church relationship until they have declared themselves to be converted. We would urge upon all parents the duty of presenting their children to God by baptism in infancy, and of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that they may be converted in the Church, and remain within her communion until called to their home in heaven.

We recognize the work done by the women of our Church as a most important factor in connection with its work. The highest encomium placed upon Christian service by Christ was given to a woman, "She hath done what she could." The record of the past has shown plainly that there are special lines of work for which woman has an especial adaptation and talent; we refer to the Woman's Missionary, Temperance and Dorcas Societies. The little leisure which our Christian women have should not be spent entirely in the arduous work of raising money for Church purposes, the getting up of entertainments, and working for bazaars, but in Sunday-school, missionary and temperance, work and in gentle ministries to physical and spiritual necessities.

Connexional loyalty was never more sorely needed than to-day. A great educational crisis is upon us, calamity from which can only be averted by a prompt, hearty and united action on the part of all our people, lay and clerical.

Let us not allow the interests of total abstinence and prohibition to fall between inactivity on the one hand, and division and truckling to political party on the other. This should be a time of preparation for permanent victory, by educating, organizing and uniting of forces to move

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