

difficulties of the country, we rejoice to recognize in your support of the other funds of the Church a liberality which proves that as a people you are more and more fully realizing that of talent, time and property you are not owners but stewards only.

The salvation of our youth is, and ever must be, a foremost subject of concern and effort. How to train our Daniels, and Josephs, and Samuels, and Timothys, and Josiahs, that they may be godly from the earliest dawn of reponsibility to life's latest hour, even though torn early from the guardianship of home and exposed to constant temptations in their fiercest forms—than this, no question can be more important. Its solution mainly depends on your home-life. We rejoice to witness your growing co-operation in the work of Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes; to note the greater care in the selection of the most thoughtful and devoted as teachers; to see a more thorough preparation of the lessons, and to behold a more prevalent and ardent desire for the early dawning of the life of God in the souls of the scholars. Still, our chief anxiety is about the work and influence of the home.

Let the children see in you what they ought to be. Talk to them in loving, personal persuasion, and rest not till you see that Christ is formed in their hearts. Let the Word speak to heart and conscience every day. Let the concise and accurate definitions and proofs of doctrine found in our Catechisms be taught, line upon line, by every parent and by every Sunday-school, till they are fixed in the memory, and shed their growing light upon the understanding. They shall be a panoply against doubt and error. Let the memories of the home-life ever embrace the recollection of the grateful, trustful petitions of the family altar, and of those solemn experiences and feelings which it brings from on high. Only so can you hope to preserve them from the soul-destroying delusions of the age—from the vain amusements and corrupting principles which, like so many Upas trees, shed a quiet but killing influence on all who wander beneath their deadly shade. Have a watchful eye upon the books and