

ings it secures for the household far outweigh any additional pecuniary profit its neglect may seem to secure.

The Conference has had its attention directed to the subject of temperance reform. From the beginning "the people called Methodists" have been in most hearty sympathy with this movement in its various phases. Our motto still is: "Total abstinence for the individual, and total prohibition for the State." We would respectfully suggest that the time has come when partisan politics should be subordinated to the great and vital question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

We earnestly exhort you to withstand any encroachments on the sanctity of the Lord's Day. Both by precept and example we need to maintain inviolate the day for holy rest and worship. Let this sacred institution be zealously guarded against all attacks from worldlings and rationalists.

We commend to you the various Connexional institutions—our Colleges, and especially those which are under the care of our Conference, the Wesleyan Theological College and Stanstead Wesleyan College; our publishing interests, our Missionary Society, all of which need your kind remembrance and assistance. While you contribute of your substance to the local objects in which you are specially interested, let not the claims that come upon you as members of a Connexion be ignored. All these claims may be met if systematic and proportionate beneficence is practiced. Our giving must be from principle, not merely from impulse. We rejoice to know that in many cases the privilege, as well as duty of giving, is being recognized; and if our members and adherents will increase their contributions to God's cause as they increase in wealth, then will there be no lack in God's house. Let the apostolic admonition be remembered: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

Finally, let all seek a richer baptism of power from on high, and resolve that the connexional year upon which we now enter shall be one of perfect consecration in His service who has redeemed us with His precious blood. And now, brethren, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

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