

them the information which you yourselves possess, especially to give them religious instruction; and be always adding to your knowledge, for the sake of communicating it to them; thus will it be a double benefit. Consult Deut. vi. 6-9., upon the subject of parental teaching of religious truth; and happy shall you be if you follow the directions. Give your children the best education in your power, a truly serviceable education; which will be far more valuable to them than all the property you could gather for them. Be liberal in supplying your family with useful books, which are now to be had plentifully, and at a cheap rate. They are among the most precious appendages that can be put into a household. Be anxious and diligent to fill the minds of your children with the love of knowledge, and to form them to habits of acquiring it; so that when they pass out of your hands, they may carry on their further improvement, and may thus be expected to do the same service to their offspring that you did to them.

3. We would earnestly call upon the young to labour to get knowledge. The present is your golden time for doing so. It is the precious season for making a good beginning for accumulating that intelligence, the collecting of which will pleasingly employ your hours, and keep you from many a temptation to vice, and which, in future life, will procure you respectability, and fit you well for the situation in which it may please Providence to place you. How influential will be, the period of youth you are now spending, upon every other stage of your life, and probably, also, upon the eternity which awaits you! On your being now either assiduous or careless in enlarging your minds, and seeking to get your hearts made better, does it depend, under the grace of God, whether you shall be good and useful members of society, and good Christians; or whether you shall pass through the world without being noted for anything excellent, and die unlamented. Be induced, then, to frequent the sources of knowledge, and to drink it in. In other words, *read* and *think*; for if thinking does not go along with reading, it will do you little good. Let your reading be duly selected. Do not read whatever comes in your way, for there is much trash put into print. It should be with your reading as with your food, wholesome and nutritious. Guard against a fondness for reading novels. There are a kind of books having many bewitching charms for youth; but they fascinate only to do much hurt. If you have access to some variety of books, read genuine history, travels, good poetry, works of general usefulness, and the better if they bear on your own condition and pursuits in life,—divinity, and, above all, the Bible, whose high quality is that it is able to make you wise unto salvation. And if you are not privileged with much diversity of reading, peruse attentively what good books are within your reach; and as you have at least the Bible, a volume worth far more than all the other books in the world, make yourselves familiar with its saving and sanctifying truths, and pray that God may enable you to live under their influence. This will be sufficient to keep you from the debasement and wretchedness of having a soul without knowledge.

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### CANADIAN ITINERANCY—No. III.

(A Letter from a Preacher to a Minister of the U. P. Church.)

DEAR SIR,—I reached Napanee on what is called, in our papistical and idolatrous calender, "*Good Friday*," and, to my chagrin, found the Post-office closed, at which, according to previous arrangement, I expected to get a letter from the Clerk of Presbytery, or from the Rev. Mr. Scott of Bath, in regard to the scene of my labours on the approaching Sabbath. I had thus to wait the receipt of instructions, which event depended on the convenience or condescension of the postmaster, or his beardless but dignified deputy, who, like