

They rejoice in the increase of the catholic fundamental principles of the Association as exhibited in the "Week of Prayer," the Daily Prayer Meeting, and other gatherings of the children of God; and it is of importance that it should be so, for the times are ominous of evil. Men from whom better things might have been expected have endeavored to sap the foundation upon which our hopes are centered — "The Word of God;" and yet it may be of moment to know that comparatively few young men in Halifax will be perverted from that cause, for the testimony of those who know them best affirms that the vast majority of them are not given to reading. Many of them have sunk, or are gradually sinking too deep into the vortex of pleasure to study any philosophical work inculcating scepticism, when so many have already taken up their practical infidelity without reading for it. When the enemy comes in like a flood it is time for the people of God by His Spirit to lift up a standard against it.

The times are ominous of good. Your Committee would humbly trust that even their labor has not been in vain in the Lord. The Pen, the Press, the Platform, and the Pulpit, have been employed specially for the promotion of improvement of the spiritual condition of young men.

And now they would humbly call upon every member of the Association, and all who love the Lord Jesus devoutly, to consider the text, "And for this shall I be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them." Consider that in our faith in prayer is the more efficacious means, that in God's hand is the blessing yet received. Aye, and that blessing will