

she returns with crowds of people, seeking whom she had lately found, and the throng welcome Him to their city.

Brethren, do you not wish that you were one of that number, I think I hear one unanimous voice, I do. In this assembled audience, there are some who have not yet found Christ, as certain as He was at the well He is here to-day, and as ready to save as then. Then like the prodigal son, exclaim, "I will arise and go to my father," and when you have found him, take others to him.

The missionary cause is a noble one, and I would cheerfully recommend every Church in the Association at this session to form a Society, denominated as the female Home Missionary, their labors are generally more successful than the males, beginning if only with three, God will add more to the number, if your hearts are in the work. To become acquainted with mission work and its usefulness, I would earnestly recommend you to subscribe to either of the two Baptist papers published in the interest of the denomination, in the Maritime Provinces, The Christian Messenger in Halifax, and the Christian Visitor in St. John; they are both educators and promoters of spiritual acquirements, besides there are many useful hints, and advices published in them, that our children should inculcate; they are libraries in themselves, and to my mind, no family of the denomination should be without either of them.

And oh dear brethren as you go along on your mission work, do not forget the temperance cause, it is another element we must learn to cherish, and teach the young "that wine is a mocker," whilst young before the appetite becomes voracious and uncontrollable, let them love the temperance cause, let our missionaries be earnest in the work, for when truth and earnestness is written upon your very soul, and graven as with the point of a diamond upon your heart, you will speak with confidence; and there will be a power about your utterances, which none will be able to gainsay or withstand.

I again urge this Association to wake up more fully to the work of home missions, and its usefulness, and the Holy Spirit shall comfort you and bless you, in this land of the dying, and then you shall abide with Him forever in the land of the living above.

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God,

Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;

With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,

Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

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