

Parents, who are principally responsible for such misconduct, would not allow their children to congregate in such places, without being present, and especially at night.

If the case above cited was a mere isolated one, we would be pleased; but on the contrary, frequent complaints are made by ministers and others of a like nature.

The disturbance of public worship is very common; petty thefts, and other criminal acts are getting more frequent throughout the country; and many of our young men get in debt wherever they can get credit, and in the end refuse to pay—so that litigation is on the increase.

And all, in communities claiming to be within the pale of civilization; where there are schools, churches, and social organizations; books, papers, and magazines in great abundance,—which are all calculated to enhance our responsibility.

There is a marked difference between the great majority of the old men and women—of three score years—and those of half that age; industry, observation, and reflection, characterise the former, while the latter, in the midst of infinitely greater opportunities, do not, generally speaking, possess the same stamina. The old had but little education, and some none, still, they were a thinking people, and made a practical use of what they had. One of the great objects of the rising generation appears to be, how to spend the hard earnings of their parents, and squander their precious time.

Property in these Provinces, seldom is handed down past the second generation; the cases in which the third generation inherit the estate of the grandfather, are few and far between. And not a little of the property of the country goes to enrich lawyers, and support a batch of officials who never contributed a shilling towards its improvement.

Such misappropriation of the hard earnings of the yeomanry of this country, we have no doubt, arises out of the improper education given to their successors. And if such be true of those who now figure in society as the second generation, descendants of an active and industrious race; what must follow from the education given to a large portion of the youth that may be seen congregated almost every evening in large numbers at our public corners and villages—who disturb public meetings, desecrate the sabbath day, and otherwise annoy the public.

If the youth that thus act, are to be the rulers and the ruled, the teachers and the taught, the ministers and the members of churches, and the parents, of the next generation, we fear, without a change passes over the face of a large part of the rising generation, that society will not advance to a very high standard of morality.

While we have thus strongly denounced the conduct of many of the