

these, it becomes my duty to draw your attention in few words, leaving detailed explanations, and counsels as the more appropriate work of pastors of congregations, and the pastorals of Annual Conferences.

(1.) The General Conference has organized the Missionary Society upon a basis of united and comprehensive action under an effective management, extending its branches to every Circuit and Mission throughout the Dominion, and summoning the whole Church to its divine vocation of "seeking and saving that which is lost" by "preaching the Gospel to every creature"—the mission of the Son of God from heaven, the end of His teachings, sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. No man can be true to Christ, and untrue to Christian Missions—the Saviour's great commission to the Church—the world's only hope.

(2.) A complete system of Sabbath School organization for the whole Church, including the publication of Sabbath School papers and the supply of Sabbath School books has been matured and adopted by the General Conference. The experience of more than half a century, both in Europe and America has shown that the agency of the Sabbath School is the most potent, yet devised to supplement parental instruction and public preaching for training up children and youth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Sabbath Schools are the nurseries of the Churches—its seed-plots for the indefinite multiplication of plants of righteousness—the right hand planting of the Church's strength,—to be worked as its richest mine of wealth, and nourished as its hearts blood. The youth of every family should be in the Sabbath School as teachers or pupils; and every member of the Church should, by prayer, by contribution, by advocacy, support the Sabbath School; while all parents should, by their example, prayers, instructions, prepare their children for Sabbath School instruction and usefulness. The work of the fire side may be supplemented but not superseded, by the work of the Sabbath School. The parent any more than the Minister, cannot perform his duty by proxy.—Every man must bear his own burden, do his own work and receive his own reward.

(3.) To all our Educational Institutions, whether male or female, including academies, colleges and universities, unity and identity of interest and supreme control, with local discretion of management, have been given by the deliberations and decisions of the General Conference; all these agencies of intellectual and moral culture are thus hand-maids of religion—imparting a thorough Christian and practical education to the sons and daughters of our people for important positions in social life, for the different professions, and providing also for the systematic theological training and higher intellectual education of those