

the vast amount of good already attained by the combined operations of the numerous auxillaries and branches throughout christendom. By means of which more than thirty-three millions of copies of the Scriptures, comprising 130 different versions, have been furnished the various nations and tribes of men—the most remote and barbarous, as well as those more refined and at hand. Then follow in order, Religious, Tract and Book Societies, Sabbath Schools, and Associations and Orders for the suppression of Intemperance. In regard to the latter, we have taken action in this conference with the view of obtaining the enactment of a law for the entire suppression of the poisonous traffic in spirituous liquors; which, we trust, will meet with the cordial co-operation of every lover of religious, order, or society.

The advances of the age and the times in which we live are portentous; they are big with important results—old customs and habits, hitherto tolerated by the apathy of past ages, are now passing through the ordeal of public opinion, their character and influence tested, and a thorough revision in many respects is the result. It is for us to be awake to these things, form our judgments, act our part in the public drama, and use our endeavors to preserve what is commendable, and renounce the pernicious. The most casual observer of the religious movements of the day, will discern that there is no neutral ground upon which the friends of truth can repose; the conflict between truth and error, between the "religion of the priest" and the religion of God," is rife, increasingly so. Let us then, dear brethren, buckle on our armour, stand forth in the ranks, show ourselves on the side of truth, and be prepared for the conflict—"the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

The institution of the Sabbath is an ordinance of God; therefore, be strict and uniform in its observance. The sanctity of that holy day cannot be dispensed with. It cannot be violated with impunity. Therefore, brethren, we trust you will not suffer yourselves to be drawn into any practice, such as social visiting, worldly conversation, or pleasurable recreations, in which so many half-hearted christians indulge on that holy day.

Our conference has taken action also in regard to this day, with a view of seconding the efforts now being made by others for the interference of the Legislature to prevent its profanation, by business transactions in our Post Offices, or the performance of any other public work. We earnestly invite your co-operation for the suppression of these public evils.

We would not close without again affectionately urging upon you the closest attention to the duties connected with personal and domestic piety. Let the closet witness your regular,