

which it is our *special province to labor*, for the extension of the Saviour's kingdom. Let there be kindly and active co-operation by ministers and laity in the grand common cause, the success of which we all desire. 2nd. Be punctual and constant at the means of grace. The prayer meeting, amid the busy worldly concerns of the passing week, should be allowed its claim on your time and attendance, that it may be the means of blessed profit to yourselves and of spiritual power to the Church. Be ever present, if possible, and take part in its exercises. This will subserve your own Christian welfare and give encouragement and stimulus to others. Also, as Sabbaths return, let the House of God be the place of regular and pleasurable resort, practically exemplifying the words of David: "I love the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth." Gather to the assemblies of the sanctuary, strictly and constantly, to *worship God and receive instruction* in things pertaining to life and godliness. Worldliness is a great incubus upon the neck of many who are professing Christ in this day. The world, in one form or other, is *all-absorbing*, and it is allowed to corrode and eat up religious sympathy and life, so much so that with them Christian duty is irksome, and religion little more than form. Brethren, let it not be so with you. Use all proper means—the prayer meeting, the preaching service, the class meeting, family worship, and the prayerful reading of your Bible—to strengthen and invigorate your spiritual life and growth. Religion is *Christ in us—the life of God in man*.

We ask you all, dear friends, to sympathise with and aid connexional interests. The Missionary cause needs a larger and more earnest interest on the part of our Church. Local matters must necessarily have their proper share of support; but we may commit a very grave mistake by allowing what is local to supplant those *institutions* that are designed to advance the general interests of the Church. Local interests are promoted by the maintenance of the more general interests. If we narrow down the general schemes of the Church, that call for hearty co-operation and liberal aid from our people—by doing that, we teach them to be narrow and parsimonious in the use of their worldly means. Calls for benevolence, channels in which streams of liberality can flow, should be