

lessness of parents and the neglect of the Church, consigned to Mammon or to Moloch, and become the helpless victims of avarice, of pride, of selfishness, or of frigid formalism. The desire for religious improvement and mental culture is not awakened, or not encouraged. The young people of our families are left without religious literature or godly instruction, and the ministrations of the pulpit are ineffectual to minds thus neglected, and vacant, or pre-occupied by plans or thoughts wholly vain and worldly. A greater degree of attention must be paid to the baptized children of our Churches: they must be treated as belonging to Christ; and you who are parents should earnestly unite with us in more general efforts for the salvation of our youth. The Conference having considered this important subject, as set forth by Mr. Wesley, and published in our Discipline, resolves to labour and pray more for our youth; and we entreat you, dear brethren, to co-operate with . . . Consider the value of souls—the love of Christ to children—the loss the Church sustains by reason of indifference—and by personal and united exertions let us snatch the rising generation from Satan's grasp. Wherever the family altar is broken down, re-erect it—gather around it your children and household, and thereby acknowledge God—seek his favour, which is better than life, and “glorify God with your body and your spirit which are His.”

As a means of promoting personal religion and the revival of the work of God, we again earnestly and affectionately entreat you not to neglect those special means of grace, which have been, from the beginning, the strength and glory of the Connexion—our class-meetings and prayer-meetings. The neglect of these in many places painfully accounts for spiritual dearth, and the lamentable want of success to ministerial labour of which complaint is frequently made. Success cannot be expected where the members of the Church neglect the means of christian fellowship and prayer.