

and, instead of punishing me, you took me back into the shop and told the guard to assist me. I was not reported again. I served out my sentence. At its expiration, I asked you for the loan of \$5.00, to take me out of Toronto, and away from my associates. You lent it to me. I returned it. I came to Buffalo. I got a situation at once. That is a good many years ago. I am now first salesman in one of the largest grocery stores (naming it). I am married. I have two little boys, you see, and a little girl at home. I am comfortably situated, and I am respected, too. I have never tasted liquor since, and I am esteemed by those among whom I work; and I give the Central Prison credit for it all." (Applause.) Now, I mention that to show that you sometimes think the material upon which you are working is scarcely worth your effort. You never know when it may turn out to be all right. Going down St. George Street, in Toronto, the other morning, to my work, two men were digging a trench. One of them called out very pleasantly, "Good-morning, Mr. Massie!" I said, "Good morning; I recollect the face, but I cannot recollect the name." "Oh, I am So-and-so (giving me the name);" and I said, "Yes, I remember you now; did you keep your promise?" "Yes, I have kept my promise to you; I have never gone back, and never will. I have steady employment, and I have no occasion to go back." (Applause.) I could tell you of many such incidents, but there is not time. Superintendents and teachers, upon you rest great responsibilities. Your work is two-sided—strengthen the home influence that is good; counteract, as far as in you lies, that home influence which is bad. Remember that in helping a child to the knowledge of God, you are helping humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, as some one has said, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their life can possibly give again. Tell your boys that in their boyhood and manhood there is no time they can afford to waste; no door that might lead to wrong or the injury of another, they can afford to open, lest they may be unable to close it until irreparable injury should come to them. Tell it to them in sincerity, from a sympathetic heart. Tell it to them in a prayerful spirit of earnestness, aided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, and they will see the right when thus presented to them. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—So much for the seamy side of life by one admirably qualified to speak. We will have something of the brighter side of citizenship from a public man, who is also an earnest Sabbath School worker.

"THE DOMINANCE OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF NATIONAL LIFE."

Hon. JOHN DRYDEN—The theme I am asked to discuss contains two ideas closely related to each other—one, a much desired ideal, namely, true national life; the other, an important influence which may be used to produce it, namely, the power of Christian principles.

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