

filling up, another has been added to the sum of them. The press of business, which may be usual with you, ought not to prevent you from keeping the heart with all diligence and preparing for Eternity. Amid a multiplicity of engagements redeem time for prayer—for Christian activities—and peace shall fill the soul in life and chase the dark shadow of regret from a dying bed. Time consecrated not to selfish or worldly, but to holy, heavenly, Christ-like ends, shall sow the seed that shall bloom perennially in God's garden. It is an honour to consecrate strong and healthy powers, and lay the best of our days as tribute at the feet of Jesus. If you have done it in the past; thank God: and as you cast an inquiring glance into the future; take courage: and the peace of God shall keep your hearts and minds. But if you care for none of these things, and say, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry: remember that he who did so was a fool, for that night his soul was required of him.

To the Young we say, Peace be to you. In the morning of life, when all is bright and hope points to a future of honor and gladness, choose the service of God, strike into the path of wisdom; all her paths are peace. Friends wish you many happy returns of the season; remember in whose hand are length of days. Time to you is precious—these are golden hours—every opportunity of improvement which you lose is preparing for future difficulties. Your character is now forming,—the process is gradual, day by day the work advances—a single day may accomplish little, but the three hundred and sixty five days of a year will do much to stamp on your soul a good or evil bearing. Try to have the thread of life spun of good materials. Now you are acquiring habits, which shall either aid you in an upward course of an eternal progress, or drag you down like an iron weight. Each day has its work in this, either in adding to the power to soar or in rivetting the clog more firmly to the soul. Much depends on your character and habits; your influence in the world and in the church, your own happiness and peace for time and for eternity. The early consecration of the heart to Jesus, will liken you in character to Him, and prepare for dwelling in that land where the righteous flourish in immortal youth.

Again we say, Peace be to this house.

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### MISSIONARY EFFORT.

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It is a mark of spiritual health in a church when the missionary spirit is strong and devoted. We are glad, therefore, to notice the subject in connection with the meetings which are held to advance our missionary objects at this season. Brethren are girding on their armour for a missionary campaign throughout the districts. Need we express the desire that the meetings may prove hallowed seasons—times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. A pecuniary aspect is necessarily connected with these gatherings, since the "sinews of war" must be had; yet it is not the primary aim to raise the dollars, but to hear of the grace of God, and excite to steadfast abounding in the work of the Lord,—remembering, however, that money consecrated to an object gives proof of what