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This issue contains material for careful thought. Let any one "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Synod's sermon, the reports on Sabbath Schools, Systematic Beneficence and the State of Religion, and he will be a wiser, better, man for it.

The Sermon in this issue emphasizes one grand truth that the church too often forgets, viz. that the church is bound not merely to evangelize the world at some

time or other, but that upon the church of to-day, rests the obligation to evangelize the heathen world of to-day. If the present generation of heathen goes down to the grave without the gospel, upon the present generation of christians rests the responsibility. Read the sermon with care and prayer.

The report on the State of Religion covers the whole sphere of Christian life and work in our church. Let each christian carefully read it, and weigh and measure his own life by it. Let the question be "How far am I responsible for what is lacking? How may I do more to advance the state of religion within my own heart and in the church and world.

The report on Systematic Beneficence, deals both in figures and principles. The figures are the index of the principles as the hands on the watch indicate the movement of the machinery within. One of the ways in which the true progress of any congregation may be measured is by its giving. Christ gave Himself, and where His spirit dwells there will be the spirit of beneficence. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Christian people would do well to take heed to the principle that they are the Lord's and that the regular, systematic giving to Him of what he has given to them is an act of worship to Him. It is worshipping Him with the *body* which is His.

The young of to-day will be the men and women of twenty years hence and the work of the Sabbath School which aims at forming these young hearts and lives while they are young and tender is of necessity among the most important work to which christians of to-day can lay their hand. With this work the report on Sabbath Schools deals plainly and forcibly. Let its lessons be studied and practiced.