

for more consecration, for more zeal, for a fulness of light and life to self. Let us see that this year we do spend in reaching, or stretching forth for ourselves, to that complete self-consecration, to that complete fulness of light and life which will fit us for this work. Then we want this reaching forth for our scholars; reaching forth for them, that they may all have life, that they may be living stones in the great building. Unless this be so, we have sinned; that is, we have come short of the mark. Let us, therefore, take that motto again, reaching forth, or stretching forth, as far as the scholars are concerned; and I want that just for a moment I dwell on that which should grow out of it. We want not only to have each child in the class a living member, but we want that child to be infused with the spirit of the Master; and each one to be a missionary in the school, going out and seeking to teach some other child. Friends, it is of vast moment to us that we engage in this work, and that we see that it is completely and well done; whether it be right or wrong, we stay not to argue. This teaching, the religious teaching of the children of the Province of Ontario, is immensely cast on to the Sunday School, and I believe that we don't need any other inspiration than the new inspiration given in the Sunday School, in order to deal with the great question that our legislators are vainly dealing with. If you teach the child, and if the growth of the child goes out to the brother, the sister, or the one in need, you then get that spirit before anarchy, communism and oppression, and the great gulf that exists between the employer and the employed at once disappears. The moment that you have the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ in the being, then there can't be that which, vainly to-day, in the United States, in Germany, in France, in England, in Ireland, all over the known world, vainly are they combating. Why? Is it not a marvellous thing that the great emperor on the throne does not dare to travel here or there, without being protected by armed warriors? Why, it is bred by the absence of the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I say that if we are to save our country from that, it is no new inspiration, but it is the old inspiration of God's Word and its grand truths of the fatherhood of God, and of the common brotherhood of men and women, which should cause to disappear these phantoms which are being aroused, and in view of which thrones are tottering, and people occupying high positions are in fear and dread. I say, therefore, that whether we love God or we love our country, the work in which we are engaged is that which, whether from the standpoint of patriotism or Christianity, we are bound to pursue. I say, then, let us see that we reach forth unto those things that are before, this spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, pervading all the youth of our land, so that these dark things may ever be kept from our Province of Ontario, if not from the whole of our Dominion. "Reaching forth unto those things that are before." Why, is it not grand to think that, when the days of reaching are