

I place no work above it; how can I? Why should I place anything above it? The missionary work of the Church carries the light of the Gospel, even to the islands of the sea. We say we are interested in missions, and we do well to be so; but what missionary work can lie so near our hearts as the missionary work that reaches your Johnny and my Johnny, and that teaches the way of life to your Mary and my Mary?

I pray that you may go on and prosper in this great work. It is work for God, it is work for eternity; and there is no work should interest you so much as the work of bringing your boys and girls into the way of life everlasting. (Applause).

After the collection had been taken up, Mr. Peake read the announcements for the following morning, and the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Cochrane.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29.

The Convention met this morning at nine o'clock, the President in the chair.

After devotional exercises, the President said, we are now to be favoured with a conference on "Personal Dealing," led by my friend, Mr. Samuel Tapscott.

Mr. TAPSCOTT—*Mr. Chairman and Christian friends*,—This question which we are to consider for a time is, of course, practical; but more than that, it is vital, and I wish to spend most of the time at my disposal this morning, my fellow-teachers, in comparing notes with you, to ascertain whether we have not found that personal contact with our scholars, enabling us to take account of their circumstances, surroundings and tendencies, has not reacted most helpfully upon our work as teachers. Have we not found that teaching and personal dealing are two branches of one great whole? that the one is the complement of the other?

On one occasion, when surrounded by a great multitude, our Pattern Teacher said to His disciples, "Who touched Me?" calling attention to the fact, that one weary sufferer had so touched His sympathy, that for the time all besides were lost sight of, in the mighty outflow of His love to this daughter of sorrow, and in making available to her His power to heal and to bless. And this is but a single illustration of the fact that the work of our Lord Himself, ran chiefly along the line of personal dealing. I find then here, my brethren, the very key to our work; our scholars must touch us, must weigh upon us as individuals, must touch our sympathies, so that their sorrows are our sorrows, as the sorrow of the Bethany sisters was the sorrow of Christ. They must touch our fidelity, so that if there be