

First of all, I do think the pastors of our churches should make this subject more often the theme of their public discourses; that the children should be oftener got together by themselves and addressed by the pastors. That in our Sunday Schools, they should receive more attention from the church, especially the primary and the senior departments. That our Sunday School rooms should be as well furnished and equipped, as light and airy, and as cheerful, as the church; that there should not be two purses, one for the church and one for the Sunday School. That, notwithstanding the opinion of my friend who wrote to the *Congregationalist* some time ago, I believe the Sunday School ought to be a department of the church, directly under its control; and that the church should feel that it was as much responsible for its maintenance and efficiency as for the ministrations of the pulpit, and the services for the adults. That in the training of our ministers special attention should be given to fit them for the teaching department; and it should be considered as important to train them in the art of teaching, as in the principles of preaching; that they should be turned out of college as competent to take charge of a Normal Class in the instruction of teachers and elder scholars, as to fill a pulpit acceptably. That as much care should be taken to educate and train teachers for the Sunday School, as for the day school.

I know that in order to carry out all that I have suggested, means a good deal of time and money, and some change of methods; but I believe it has got to be done, before we can fulfil our obligations and responsibilities; and will be done when Christian people rightly appreciate this neglected privilege.

At whichever of the operations of the church we may look, when we consider the work to be done and how it is to be done, I think we shall come to the conclusion, that relatively the church must pay a great deal more attention to the education of the youth than it has done in the past; and this may be done, as I have said before, not by neglecting anything that is now being done in the way of making the preaching strong and effectual, but more in the way of strengthening the teaching department.

It seems to me that this is the only solution of the burning question of Church and State Schools, which is being fought out now in this country, in England, and in other countries. The church has got to take hold of the matter, and attend to the religious training of the youth, entirely apart from the State.