

outweigh. We must seek to leaven this whole country with our conviction of the supreme importance of moral and spiritual interests in themselves and in their bearing upon material interests and our country's weal.

There is much in our surroundings that is admonitory, and that calls for unremitting vigilance and united action. Great inroads are being made upon the sanctity of the Sabbath. We shall guard it best on our part by constantly keeping it, permitting no seductive sentiment, subtle and plausible reasoning of delusive example to override divine precept and sanction. Let us not allow ourselves to become accustomed to this, or any other evil, but cultivate all the more a delicate sensitiveness towards the divine will, and permit God's truth to have a voice through us, and His will an embodiment in our conduct. The great question of Intemperance is always one of recurring and burning importance; the position it is being forced into in great public issues is full of hopeful significance, looking to the ultimate triumph of right. Let us consistently continue to honor the record of our Church in relation to it, by bringing to bear all the forces of truth and righteousness at our command for the overthrow of this justly dreaded and reprobated evil.

Social purity should ever find in us a firm ally, and we should lose no opportunity to visit the penalty of a scathing denunciation upon the infamous doctrine, far too prevalent, that vice is neither necessary nor useful. Personal purity in man and woman must be insisted upon with all the emphasis of the love of God, the wrath to come, and the judgment of the Almighty. Our young people must be admonished of the disastrous recoil of promising wickedness, or the seductive temptation will prove their ruin. We would counsel the recognition and cultivation of individual responsibility in relation to all the means of grace, and in them all the maintenance of happy and vital communion with God as the true safeguard against formalism.

It is also well that we should guard ourselves against the subtle tendency to narrow our interest and solicitude to our merely local church affairs. God would educate us into largeness, and would have us partners and helpers together with Himself in all the wide enterprises of His kingdom. Our various missionary fields, domestic and foreign, merit our intelligent and prayerful support, and together with other connexional interests, furnish the opportunity for our benefactions.

Our connexional periodicals should find an increasingly generous support from all our people, and our aim should be to have them guests in every home. As we deliberately plan to save human souls, so should we plan for the introduction of Methodist literature, history and biography into our homes and Sunday-schools, in order that our young people especially may get the spiritual benefit and inspiration, and partake of the enthusiasm of the unique and providential history of our Church.

We ask you to unite with us in the prayer that this year may be one signalized by extensive revivals of religion in all parts of this Province. To this end we need to have much before our minds the supreme peril of human souls, the glory of God, and the importance of a delicate adjustment of ourselves to the mind and methods of the Holy Spirit.

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