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missionary operations of the Church. Methodism has always disclaimed all circumscribing bounds, and taken for its motto: "The World for Christ." Never were the nations of the world so open for Christianizing and evangelistic operations as at the present time; and never since the apostolic days have such trophies been won for the blessed Jesus. The gates of distant lands have been opened to us, and through them has come, over and over again, the deep imploring wail of those who are sitting in the shadow of death, asking for the light that has so blest and illuminated our lives. Can we, without criminal recreancy to God, to truth, and to our history, close our ears to these calls, or fail to give the suppliants the bread of life? God has given us any number we require of cultured, godly and efficient men and women, who are prepared to go to these distant lands as messengers of the glad evangel; but they lack the means for necessary outfit and adequate support; will you not dedicate a larger amount of your means for this great work? It will repay you abundantly in the reflex benefits imparted to your own life and experience. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house; and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The Educational work is the right arm of the Church; and nowhere in our country can the sons and daughters of our people obtain a better education than our own University at Cobourg, our College at Belleville, or the Ladies' Colleges under the auspices of the various Conferences offer; while no restraints, safeguards, and incentives to duty, obtaining in other institutions, surpass those which surround the pupils attending our own. Be more anxious to give to your sons and daughters a liberal education, than to leave them material wealth—it is the best legacy you can give them; and be sure that sound learning and vital piety be happily blended together. We have mourned over the great loss we have sustained in the death of the gifted and eloquent Dr. Nelles, who was justly looked up to as one of the most successful educators of our times; but we have recognized the goodness of God in giving to Victoria University so wise and judicious a successor to him, in the person of Chancellor Burwash. The Rev. John Potts, D.D., Secretary of Education, will spend a good part of this year in our Conference, arranging for the building and endowment of the new Victoria College in Toronto. We bespeak for him, and those actively co-operating with him, your hearty sympathy and best financial assistance.

There is another interest which is vitally connected with the prosperity and extension of the Church of Christ. We refer to the religious training and claims of the young. While the Sabbath-schools have been doing a noble work for God, and the superintendents and officers require your sympathy and support, we would earnestly remind you that our home lessons possess a charm and power altogether their own; and while they are the earliest, they are the most gentle in their influence, and most lasting and salutary in their results. Be satisfied with nothing less than the conversion of your children in early life. Let all your purposes, plans and efforts have direct reference to this. Guard them as far as possible from the temptations of gaiety, of doubtful companionship, of questionable recreations, and especially of pernicious reading. The mind, chameleon-