

the exigencies of supporting the cause of God, or from the temptations to cater to the tastes of the unconverted to serve the interests of religion.

Cultivate the heart religion of which we have been speaking and you will find that it is a practical religion. The man who is the best citizen of Heaven is now the best citizen of earth, the man who is best prepared to die and enter the unseen holy is best prepared to live and act his part without fear or favor. Brethren, we need not exhort you as to your duty in worldly commerce, as to your duty toward your families, as to your duty toward the great moral reforms and benevolent enterprises of the day, if you are being filled with all the fulness of God. In that case you are becoming a law unto yourselves.

But we would pause a moment to remind you of at least two pressing calls to faithfulness. First:—the temperance cause. The triumphs of this cause during the past decade are marked, yet sleepless watchfulness, eternal vigilance, is the price of the liberty so dearly won. Nay, more, the time is not far distant when on all this North American Continent moral suasion and defence must give place to forward movements along the whole line in order to carry prohibition of this evil business into every town and county. Be strong and quit you like men. Be not simply the silent friends of temperance, but give your voice and vote and influence ever in its support. Let no monied influence, or political influence, or social influence make you show the white feather. Stronger is He that is for you than all that can be against you.

The other subject to which we specially refer is the children, your own at home and others in the Sunday School. If you do not hold the honored privilege yourself of working in the Sabbath School, co-operate with those that do in every way that lies open. Give the work your support, your interest, your prayers, and your occasional presence. The men and women of a few years hence are to be made or marred in their childhood. But do not, we beseech you, imagine that the Sabbath School can supplant the most careful training in piety at home. Let family worship be adapted to the children. See that they become acquainted with our evangelical views of Scripture so that they may not afterward be carried about with every wind of doctrine. Act for these precious souls in God's stead till they are of age. Carefully watch their reading, their companionships, their amusements, as those that must give an account. Above all, never import into your homes as attractions for your boys and girls any of those amusements which are in any form associated with the world's crying sins. By so doing you are only warming a serpent at your heart. Provoke not your children to wrath. Be patient, be cheerful, be sympathetic, but be firm and home will be forever the brightest oasis on earth.

From this subject we naturally glide into the presentation of the claims of our Educational Institutions at Sackville to your fullest confidence and patronage. It is very important for you that the Institutions of learning that teach your sons and daughters the branches of higher thought at the most impressible period of their life should be able to guarantee their Christian nurture and guardianship as well. It is more important than ought else that a college for boys or seminary for girls should be to them a true "Alma Mater," or, foster mother, nourishing them when away from home with something approaching to a mother's tender solicitude. On the other hand so far as a secular education is desirable we are quite willing that our Sackville Institutions should stand upon their own merits side by side with any in the land. Judged by their fruits ye may know them. Judged by the success of their Alumni at home and abroad their true excellence may be measured. The completion of the fine new college building and Memorial Hall on this the first year of our second Century and the first year of United Methodism marks the dawn of a new era of broad and liberal sympathy and support for this vital part of our Church work. Already an earnest of the future has been given by the generous donations of many. No equal amount of money can make its influence felt down such an ever deepening and widening stream as that which supports and advances a higher Christian education.

We desire also that our own literature should be more widely circulated. We would that all our people were better informed concerning our past and present history and the biographies of eminently-devoted men and women. We trust that you will supply your Sabbath schools, and when possible, your homes from the carefully selected supplies of our Book Room. This institution gives the lowest possible rates. The Rev. Stephen F. Huestis continues to give to this department his business tact and godly discernment.

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