

empires, to be, and the things which they desire, shall be added thereto. He would profit you nothing, if you were to gain the whole world by the loss or ruin of your souls. They show they are not desirous to see you passers, by the permission which they engage, and the manner in which they employ their time. But the part of the world, the beginning of the day, and a good under standing, have all eyes that keep the reins, and for whom's wars, that is, who's ways, are ways of peace, and all her part are peace. The way of wisdom is peace, but the path of the just is like the morning light, which shines and more into the perfect day.

We call upon you, men of power, to support useful institutions, especially those connected with religion. The day in which we live is distinguished by improvement of science and the useful arts. To those, it is both your duty and your interest to give encouragement. That the soul be without knowledge, is not good. In the present day of light and knowledge, of intelligence and research, men, but careless and the unthinking, will neglect the improvement of their minds and morals. While there is general exertion made for the establishment of schools and seminaries of education, we trust that you will not remain inactive and uninterested spectators. A solid and enlightened education is the best temporal advantage that can be bestowed upon your children. It provides them the means of health, industry and happiness, of comfort and usefulness. It provides them members for society, useful members for the church, and fit subjects for the state. When education produces not these effects, there is something radically wrong, and the course ought to be altered. What we call a good education, and what we wish you to support and encourage by every means in your power, is not the flimsy, fashionable education, which fills the head with vanity and the heart with evil passions, but that solid and enlightened education, which will make you happy in yourselves, and useful to others. Such an education, every wise government will encourage and support, both from duty and interest; and what is good for the state, must be good for individuals.

But while you support institutions of a literary and scientific nature, we trust you will not neglect those which are more immediately connected with religion. We feel convinced that you are attached to this duty just in proportion as you love the Savior, and are sensible of the value of your souls. To the preaching of the gospel, then, give your cordial support, and the appointed means of converting sinners, and comforting and edifying true believers. The Savior could have done all this by the ministry of angels, without human agency, but he has chosen to put the treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. He has left the support and the spread of the gospel to your liberality, and woe be to him who withholds from the Lord's treasury what is necessary for carrying on a work so glorious and so important to the souls of men. By their fruits ye shall know them, is a divine test. Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples. Be constant and regular in your attendance on the means of grace. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is. Deprive not your souls of the bread and water of life, which is provided in the house of God, for your entertainment. Do not, by your absence, weaken the hands and discourage the hearts of your ministers; for they watch for your souls as