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It is no longer a question with thoughtful men, as to the wisdom, as well as duty of instructing the masses of the people upon Scripture principles. In this country, public opinion has advanced so rapidly in that direction that, now scarcely a voice is raised against the demand for education upon a religious basis.

The Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society view this aspect of their field of labor with great satisfaction. They have watched for many years the course of education in these Provinces, and have endeavoured with earnest care, at a time when schools were lightly regarded, and in places untouched by the Gospel, to give a scriptural turn and tone to the instruction imparted to the rising generation. And now that the triumph of those principles is so far marked, as to command the attention of all who take an interest in the well being of the people, the Committee thank God, and take courage.

There is however much yet to be done. The reading of the Bible in the schools is not enough. The teaching the letter of scripture will not satisfy. The whole instruction must be *pervaded* with sound doctrine. The children must be taught to be moral, through being surrounded by an influence, which derives its power from a continued recognition, at all times, of a present God in Christ.

The Committee have long proposed this as their great aim, and they believe that the time is fast approaching, when all who love