

tion while we do so that our friends have passed into the true and higher life, where God preserves for him whatever has contributed to the well-being of his Church or illustrated the power of his Gospel. It is a part of that Gospel itself that Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. Let us try to live as those for whom the better life is not a mere tradition, but a sure and certain hope.

I have been gratified by the large congregations which have gathered on Sunday evenings, but I regret that they should not be composed more generally of those who belong to our own number. Nothing can make me think the practice of attending divine worship only once in a day a good or right one. If we keep the Church open, and if the minister gives the care and labour necessary to make the services edifying and instructive, it appears to me the clear duty of those who can do so, to attend. Let me ask your careful attention to this important subject, the right settlement of which is essential to our influence and success as a Church. How can we do good to others if we are not ourselves in the way of duty?

I have given much attention during the year to promote among the young people of our congregation a spirit of thoughtfulness and social kindness. It will give me great pleasure to welcome still larger numbers to the meetings of our Young People's Association. I have found them both pleasant and profitable, and I believe others have also. All are gladly received who care to come; the mere presence of our young people is an important contribution to our comfort and success.

The improved position of the Sunday School is a matter for congratulation to the Superintendent, and to all the office-bearers and teachers. The work done is unspeakably important; I pray that it may be more and more successful. In order to make it so, it is most necessary that parents should earnestly co-operate with the work of the school. Let us bear our children very fervently on our hearts before God, that they may be led to give themselves to the Saviour without reserve, and may take their places in the Church as earnest and instructed disciples of Christ. We have promises on which we may lean. The God of our fathers will be the God of our children also.