

to bring back from Paris the sword of the great Frederick. What William did for Germany, you can do for Christ and Methodism.

Brethren, to you the character of the rising ministry is of vital importance. God puts no premium upon ignorance. The advanced learning of the times in which we live demands a broader and more comprehensive theological training than has been possible in the past. Our candidates and probationers are demanding from the Church this more complete preparation for their work. We regard it as the work of God upon their hearts and minds. We trust that whatever measures are taken for the commencement of theological training in this Conference will receive your hearty sympathy and support.

As a Conference, we view with satisfaction the movement that has been set on foot for the submission of the Scott Act in the various counties of the Province in which it has not been already carried; and would affectionately urge upon you the importance of going promptly to the polls at the appropriate time and recording your vote for the cause of temperance, which we believe to be the cause of God.

And now, dear brethren, we observe in closing that no educational requirements, no forms of religious culture, no accumulation of wealth can atone for the lack of deep personal piety. The attempt to carry on the work of God with any or with all these combined will prove but a miserable failure. We therefore call upon you to join with us, your pastors, in one act of entire, unreserved consecration to God. The command comes to us and you—and all God's commands are possibilities—"Be ye perfect." Our devotion will always determine the measure of our success. "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

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