

back from the service of sin those who once were keenly susceptible of religious influence, and whom, we have reason to believe, might have been saved by wise and timely effort from the degrading bondage into which they have sunk! We have no desire to see the aggressive energy of our beloved church decline; but rather pray, "that it may abound more and more;" yet we cannot resist the conviction, that there is a possibility of presenting a more symmetrical union of spiritual growth from within, with external conquest and aggression than we have hitherto done.

In conclusion, let us never forget that God hath clearly committed to us, in solemn trust, this duty of the instruction and guardianship of the young; and he who judgeth righteously shall call us to an account of our stewardship when he comes to render unto every man according to his works. And if, through pride, or selfishness, or conformity to the world we are false to our trust, we may in that day be classed with those who shall hear with dismay the voice of the Judge saying, INASMUCH AS YE DID IT NOT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE DID IT NOT TO ME."