

has its place in the cultivation and training of the religious life of the home.

Our Missionary Society has reached its seventieth anniversary, during which time it has founded and sustained Domestic and Foreign Missions according to the direction of the Church. In these days of many organizations and special appeals, it is first of all imperative upon you to give a loyal support to the society to which you owe so much, and which God has delighted to prosper. It is yours to share its work and its success. We commend our sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society. "The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish it are a great host." We congratulate them for a Branch now formed, taking the name and boundaries of our own Conference.

Our educational work is still progressing. A larger number of students were in attendance, at our several colleges, during the past year, than ever before, and the results of the work is most encouraging. Still our Educational Society never needed financial aid more than at present. We pray God to lay this matter upon your hearts.

It is a pleasure to speak of the development of our Young People's Societies. Statistics give us evidence of a healthy activity, and we rejoice in the spiritual life and power manifest among them. The Epworth League presents to our youth opportunities for organized effort and mutual improvement. The advantages of Christian and social intercourse; the systematic study of the Word of God; the study of Church history and polity and biography are all ours in the Epworth League; while a broad and Christian interdenominational fellowship is obtained for our young people without the loss of any denominational advantage in the Epworth League of Christian Endeavour. We ask you to aid us in the organization of an Epworth League of Christian Endeavour at every appointment and, wherever we have a Sabbath School sustained.

Our Sabbath Schools appeal to all of us, and yet in the days of our successes, it is possible to overlook our responsibilities. We would suggest to our teachers, whom we love for their work's sake, that Normal Courses of Study, Institute Classes, and a preparation for teaching is within the reach of all; and if the parents would suffer a kindly word of appeal, by the organization of home classes, and the daily home readings, no family in Methodism should be outside the circle of the Sabbath School.

This suggests to us the sacredness of the Christian home. Neither the Church nor the school can possibly take the place of the home; as it is, so will the life of the Church and the nation be. In a time like this, of multiplied organizations, without condemnation of any society or circle, is it not right that we emphasize the value of home life? Nothing should be allowed to deprive the family of that companionship and helpfulness which it is the privilege of each member to give unto all within the sacred circle. The competition in life is now so keen, men are everywhere contending for place and means—every hour has a monetary value. There is just here a danger that the family altar will be neglected, or, if sustained at all, only in such a way, that seldom can the entire family, at one time, gather around it. The home is a sanctuary within itself, and any neglect of its religious duties and privileges can only be followed by