

view of the many hindrances to attendance, due to the membership being often a scattered one, and to home and other engagements, this average cannot be considered discouraging.

In the matter of family worship, quite a proportion of our pastors could give but little information, indicating that too little care had been given to this most important element in home religion and influence. It is to be feared that this sacred and blessed privilege and duty is much neglected in very many of our churches. It would be well for our pastors to give more attention to this most important matter, for there can be no rightly constituted Christian home, no great home nurture of the inner life, no strong religious influence over the unconverted members of the family, where this is neglected. As a training also for Christian service of a more public character, it is of great importance, for few have the confidence, or, perhaps, the assurance to do public duty while neglecting that in their own family.

The work of the Sunday School seems to be pushed in most churches with a good degree of earnestness, and constitutes one of the favorable features of our work. There appears also to be a growing interest in the more systematic study of the Bible by the young people of many of our churches.

In the matter of systematic church work, there appears to be but little progress. The young people are being gathered up into their societies; the active sisters into their Mission circles; but, for the balance of the church membership, no effort is made to get them organized for work. Apart from Sunday School teaching and attendance at church services, this great power of matured Christian manhood and womanhood is but little drawn upon; and one of the grave questions of the hour is, How can we organize different classes in the church into organizations of their own, and get the whole church harnessed for work? Must we not either have a distinct organization for each class, if all are to be included, or organize them all in the church itself? Which is best and most Scriptural, might well be considered with great care.

While we have had a large number of ordinations to the ministry during the year, we have lost more men by removal, by retiring from active service, and from other causes, than we have gained; but the large number of young men studying for the ministry in one educational institution gives the brightest promise for both a full and well equipped staff of ministers in the future.

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