

cedented degree; and who can allow, or ought to allow, their children to grow up in ignorance amidst abundant information? Now these things wonderfully increase the danger of neglecting, and the difficulty of maintaining settled plans of religious training and culture.

There was a time when there was really little, comparatively, for children to learn, except the truths of scripture and the ordinary branches of a common education; but now, arts, science, literature, (in its higher branches,) and various "accomplishments," all engage, and too often *absorb*, the attention of parents, children, and even pastors. It is true there is nothing in any of these matters necessarily hostile to piety,—nothing indeed but what, with care, may be made auxiliary to it; but it certainly requires in such an age, and in such circumstances, additional solicitude, judgment, and earnestness, on the part of all entrusted with the interests of the young, to see that the culture of the intellect does not supersede and cast into neglect the more important culture of the heart. The danger is that in the eager, strained pursuit of mere secular knowledge, the knowledge of things spiritual and eternal will be overlooked, or sought with little real earnestness.

TO-DAY.

The great demand upon Christians is *work*—intelligent work—appropriate work—earnest work—cheerful work—untiring work—prayerful work. And it is not to-morrow, but to-day, that our service is required. "To-day," says Christ, "go work in My vineyard."

While we are resolving and preparing to do something for Christ, the lamp of life is being rapidly spent, the destinies of eternity are hastening on, fresh hindrances are springing up in our path, the fields to be cultivated are neglected, and the Master regards us as disobedient and ungrateful servants. It is "now" emphatically with Christ and the church, that "is the accepted time." We have no right, while present and pressing claims are neglected, to be dreaming over the proposed doings of "a more convenient season." We may never live to see it; and how shall we account to Christ, if He calls us hence before it arrives, for the unoccupied intermediate portion of precious time.

Promptitude of action is at once the demand of conscience, and the Word of God, and of the times upon which we have fallen. Ours is not the future, but the present. In a sense, indeed, we labour for posterity and for eternity; but the effort and

the action must ever be a present thing. The consequences must be left with Him, who will so over-rule and adjust all, that when we are dead and gone, not a single, well-directed and honest effort, shall have been found actually in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"WOMAN'S WORK IN CANADA."—This is the title of an eight page monthly published in Montreal and edited by Mrs. O. C. Edwards and Miss Muir. It has reached its second volume. The field it occupies is indicated by the title. The subscription price is only 50 cts. *per annum*; it is an excellent and vigorous journal; and we recommend all our lady readers to take it. Send your subscription to "Woman's Work in Canada," 73 Bleury St., Montreal.

"THE TYRO."—The February number of this bright and spicy monthly, published by the students of our Institute at Woodstock, comes to us much improved in dress and carefully edited. We congratulate the young editors on their enterprise and progress as journalists. To outsiders like ourselves the *point* is not always discernible in the racy and humorous "*Locals*"; but we can appreciate to some extent the ticklishness of the sensation which must be communicated by the following to those who see it in the full glare of Institute light:—

"There will be some heavy moustaches here some day,—that is, if great things arise from small beginnings."

Our Toronto readers will certainly not feel less interest in the *Tyro* when we state that on the committee of publication are the names of S. S. Bates, B.A., Horace C. Speller, and George Sale.

"SUNNYSIDE" AND THE OTHER SIDE.—The following paragraph in the address of the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie at College St. Baptist Church, which we cull from the February number of the *Christian Reporter* must be emphasized and passed on for the benefit of all concerned, from one end of Christendom to the other:—

"A minister, to be useful, must and ought to be thoroughly independent in means, and not be treated as many ministers are treated in this country. There is nothing more odious to me than to read accounts of those surprise parties where a number of people invade a minister's house, spread tables, empty baskets of provisions, eat them all up—(laughter)—make some speeches, and then some one of their number, with more brass than the rest—(laughter)—makes an address to the minister, and presents him with \$15—(renewed laughter)—and something, possibly, in goods. The minister is expected to make what the newspapers call a "feeling

reply." (Great laughter and applause). I heard from an acquaintance a minister's wife—and I was glad when she told me of such an expedition, that she shut the door in their faces. (Applause). It is utterly impossible for ministers to be useful unless they are thoroughly supported; and it is utterly impossible for them to respect themselves unless the congregations over which they are set respect them, and pay them in a proper manner."

The above paragraph is all we have space for of Mr. Mackenzie's excellent address. We recommend our readers to send for the full report of the College St. Church anniversary as contained in the February number of the *Christian Reporter*. It is an excellent number.

ANOTHER BAPTIST INTEREST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.—A correspondent of the *Baptist Beacon*, the organ of the Baptist Convention of the North Pacific coast, gives an interesting account of a recent visit to British Columbia and the state of the Baptist cause there. After referring briefly to the church in Victoria—concerning which our readers have recently been informed—regretting the resignation of Rev. J. H. Teale, and mentioning the efforts of the brethren to remove the floating debt on the chapel building now reduced to about \$450, the writer thus speaks of a second Baptist interest now existing in the far-off Province of our Dominion.

"At *New Westminster*: a thriving pleasant town on Frazer River, there is an organization consisting of ten faithful members. Its prayer meeting is the first I remember of having attended where all take part. None there that have a name, and are dead. I first met one of the members as a stranger, who, at his own home asked me if I would accept a tract; feeling rebuked for my remissness, I commended his fidelity, when he enforced his excellent example by saying, 'We do not know how short the time may be that we are permitted to work for our blessed Lord,'—a serious reflection certainly. I found its author poor in this world's goods, but rich in all that constitutes true riches. I was not greatly surprised and not a little gratified to learn he was connected with the Baptist interest at Westminster. Services are held there twice each Sabbath in the Good Templar's hall; once each month supplied by Bro. Teale, the remainder of the time by two of the brethren. Another member (fourth in order that I have referred to) who had charge of the prayer meeting the evening that I was present, could, I am sure, if occasion required, fill the desk acceptably and with profit to his hearers."

THE STATE HALL AT OTTAWA.—It appears that the grand ball which took place on the opening of Parliament was the scene of disgraceful drinking on the part of some of the guests. A poor opinion certainly, the noble Princess and the Governor-General must have formed of Canadian habits and