

We have learned, however, in our late struggle, who are the friends of general education, and who, having espoused it, are steadfast in its cause,—and another thing of some importance, we also have learned, and that is, that we must principally depend on our own resources in time to come,—for we can have no reason after what has transpired, to look for any just respect or attention to be given to our claims by those who have already so deeply trifled with our feelings, and so openly attempted to trample on our just rights. The experience of the past also should teach us the necessity not only of perseverance, but of adopting more system in all our operations.

We would again further ask, while on this subject, what can any christian man do to better account for his children, or for the youth of our country generally, than to assist in placing our Institutions at Horton on a firm basis—what better legacy to his children's children, than to place the bible within their reach, to establish a preachable gospel in the midst of the land, and to render a sound education easily attainable by all. A Circular Letter, when published, is, we suppose, generally read once and then laid aside. With regard to the subject now treated on, we would recommend the perusal of the Circular of last year once more, to all our brethren.

Dear brethren, shall we now close this epistle from the fear of overdriving the flock, or shall we press on your favourable consideration the interests of the Sabbath School Union? You have stronger evidence of the benefit of this institution at home, than of almost any other; for wherever there is a regular Sabbath School in operation, it carries the evidence of its usefulness along with it. Sacrifices, however, are necessary, in order to sustain even the interests of the Sabbath School, for a Library must be established and revived from time to time, in order to keep up the interest of the children, as well as of the parents. We also name with gratitude to the Most High, the establishment and success of Temperance Societies. The Temperance cause has outstripped in its progress the utmost expectations of its warmest friends, it has caused unbelief to blush, and largely rewarded those who have labored for its good.

We will now close our observations on the combination of effort now being made by the churches in this and the sister Province, with some remarks on the Christian Messenger. On the success of this Periodical, under God, is based almost all the other institutions named above. Through the pages of the Christian Messenger we hope to enlighten the public mind as to the nature and importance of these—to communicate information of their progress, and to shew what it is hoped they are destined to accomplish. This Periodical brings to our fireside, the pleasing accounts of revivals of religion in our own Province, as well as of those which occur in foreign lands. Here we have a condensed history of the progress of the Gospel in former ages—of the persecutions connected with its profession—the sufferings of the saints in distant countries, even at the present time, is also made known to us. We have lately read of a minister of Christ in Denmark, being incarcerated for the high crime of not bringing his children to the baptismal font. We have read, too, of the peace of soul enjoyed by him, even while within the iron grates of his dungeon, and we have felt that his feelings were more to be envied than all the gratification enjoyed by those who were his cruel persecutors. Our