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the Nation.

I have little doubt that, most or all the injurious tendencies referred to in the Address, have already given concern to thy thoughtful & tender mind, when looking to the future of our beloved Country; and that, far beyond evidences of mere material prosperity, we both fully recognize the truth that, it is "righteousness only which truly exalteth a nation", and that whatever leads in any other direction, tends to its weakness, or it may be ruin.

The correctives for every evil that now threatens us, we may well believe, is to be found in "a fuller & more practical acceptance of the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ" – and therefore, our Address appeals with most force, to professors of the Christian name; indeed, it will probably find little place with any other Class. When we consider however the important influence which the Church in its various branches is continually exercising in restraining the evil, fostering the good, and giving a higher tone to public sentiment, there is always reason to look for excellent results when honest-hearted Christians are aroused to any pressing danger, and can unite in right measures for meeting it.

With these objects in view the pamphlet is being put in the hands of Ministers of all the Evangelical Denominations of this City – Sabbath School Supt.s & Public School Teachers – Editors of Religious periodicals throughout the U.S., and other influential persons. What may be the result of our effort we must trustfully leave with the Lord,