

avoided. Meeting-houses were in back yards or dark streets, and often suffered from popular violence. Truth, as it always is, was imperishable; but to the nation it was comparatively hidden, and unknown.

Pass on to the present, and what do we behold? Sunday-schools, where from 1 to 1/2 of the whole population send their children for instruction—where the number of teachers exceeds the army or navy, being more than three hundred thousand, and 1/60th of the whole population.

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