

took him up behind his saddle ; in this situation the horse plunged, and they both fell ; the soldier being injured quite badly. He went 35 miles with the chain about his neck. When they stopped for the night, the missionaries were all chained together. After traveling two or three days they reached Camp Gilman, and were thrust into jail, Brooks saying as they entered, "This is where all the enemies of Georgia have to land, there and in hell." The jail was made of logs, with a floor of split poles and without chair or table. No one was suffered to speak to them, and no one to write unless the communication passed through the Cononel's hand. Was not this a dreadful situation for these dear missionaries.

The Grand Sabbath School Movement in England.

The Sunday School Union, whose headquarters is at London, has set on foot a jubilee movement, for the erection of a new and commodious building for the use of the Society, and for the accommodation of the Sabbath-School Teachers of London, with a Library, Lecture, and Reading Room. The appeals made on behalf of this movement are so earnest and elevated in their tone, that they are attracting much attention both in Britain and the United States. From one of the most remarkable of these appeals, that which appeared in the *British Banner*, we make the following extracts, which are worthy of careful consideration in Canada. If there are obstacles to the progress of religion in London that do not exist in Canada, there are many in Canada, particularly the country parts, which do not exist in London, and in both intelligent, faithful, Sabbath School teachers will be found most efficient in removing these obstacles.

We have to hope of the mass of the adult portion of society, either in the Metropolis or elsewhere. They seem "bound with the chain of their sin." They are irrecoverably beyond the reach of pulpit influence. At this moment, there is reason to believe that conversions

among them are everywhere few, and that many of those reported, through various agencies, are doubtful. It would really seem as if no means now in operation could touch them. We set no limits either to the mercy or the power of God ; we only state facts, and argue from the data they supply. It is mournfully certain, that the mass of these full grown people will die as they have lived, without God, and without hope for all that is being done, or perhaps, that now can be done, to prevent it. The conclusion is terrible, but we cannot suppress it.

Is, then, this state of things to go on ? Is there no hope for the generation to come ? We rejoice to say there is hope ! And the question is, from what quarter is help to come ? We hesitate not to affirm, it is the Sunday-School. We make the avowal frankly, and in the face of the world—the Sunday-School ! Let it not be supposed, however, that we are setting light by the Day Schools of London. In their own way they are doing a great work ; but we believe they are doing very little to effect the salvation of the rising race. To save the soul is not the primary object for which, as a rule, these schools are carried on ; and that which is not sought is not likely, to any very great extent, to be found. When conversion in after years takes place, the culture obtained in the Day School is of great importance ; but its direct effects contribute very little to conversion.

The conclusion, then, we draw is, that the character of the future population of the Metropolis is, under God, very mainly in the hands of the Sunday-school Teachers. But for the Sunday-school, we should tremble for the prospects of religion in London. Let the rising race be left to run wild, and let nothing henceforth be done to spread among them the knowledge of God, and at the end of five-and-twenty years a result will follow for which, at present, few are prepared. If the adult Ministry in London should be left to itself, we should stand in fear of the churches largely dying out before the close of the present century. Let the Metropolitan Pastors, of all sects, but give the statistics of conversions among adults—that is, among persons who have never enjoyed the advantages of Sunday-school tuition—during the last seven years, and the result will tell a tale that will serve to correct such as may think that we are the subjects of an unfounded alarm. The truth is, we repeat, that adult conversions are, now-a-days, things everywhere comparatively rare ; the large portion of all the additions to the churches are coming from the Sunday-schools. Let these Schools be shut up, and the Churches of Christ will pine away in spite of all that can be done by the regular Ministry ; and many of them, at no distant day, will actually die out. The adult masses will not attend, and where there is no hearing, there can be no faith ; and an end to conversion must involve