

beside her; and, looking up, she recognized the superintendent.

The fact is, she was about as frequently absent as present; and when she was present she was so little prepared for the proper presentation of the truth in the lesson, that she might almost as well have been absent.

She wondered; but the superintendent did not, nor need we. Like causes in like circumstances always produce like effects. Let your pastor pursue that policy, and half his time fail to meet his congregation at his regular appointments, and it will not be long before even when he does come, his congregation will fail to meet him. Or even if he come with the utmost punctuality, still if, when he does come, instead of providing milk and meat, he only makes a clatter with an empty saucepan, a like result will follow; for not even cattle will come up at night unless they find by experience that they are to be fed. A minister who should thus foolishly and wickedly trifle with a charge so sacred, would be, and *should* be, summarily dismissed; and if a Sunday-school teacher, of like character, should be differently dealt with, we do not discover the reason.—*Baptist Teacher.*

"My Rosary"

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IN looking at the Bible of a devoted and successful Sabbath-school teacher, I found the great secret of her success. On one of the blank leaves are the names of her scholars, and above them the words, "*My Rosary.*"

As precious beads, she called their names one by one as she prayed, and thus presented each individual to Christ in earnest faith, as the friends of the paralytic brought him to the feet of Jesus. All, or nearly all of them, that were not Christians before, were converted during the time she was their teacher. Like the twelve precious stones in the breastplate of the High Priest, which he bore on his heart before God as a symbol of the twelve tribes, she bore these names even on her heart to Christ. The grandest of "Teachers' Helps," is *earnest and definite prayer.*—*S. S. Times.*

Revolution in Sabbath-Schools.

BLACKBOARDS, circular seats, pictured walls, ventilated rooms, the "International Series," and more intellectual teachers, are some of the things upon which the Sabbath-schools of to-day must be congratulated above all their predecessors. We remember the Sabbath-schools of our boyhood with no great rapture. What with the old school-house and the hard bench, and the hot Sabbath afternoon, and the exhausted atmosphere, and our new shoes that pinched, and our new hat that we feared might get spoiled, and the teacher who used to crack us about the head with a Bible when we were inattentive, we formed the idea that religion's ways were not ways of pleasantness. In most things the Sabbath-school has advanced, and is the strongest wing of the Lord's host. In the great battle that now opens, we expect more from the *infantry* than from the heavy artillery, for it takes so long to bring their batteries up.

But in one respect the Sabbath-school has fallen back, and that is in the *verbatim* memorizing of the Scriptures. It is well to get the general facts about Joseph, and David, and Christ, but nothing can take the place of verses "learned by heart." That idea is almost abandoned in our modern Sabbath-school. Neither the International Series of lessons, nor anything else can atone for this. The children of to-day, when they go into the pulpits and business circles ten years hence, will not have as minute and accurate acquaintance with the Bible promises and warnings, as the men and women who were cultured in the inferior Sabbath-schools of twenty years ago. What we want more than anything else for our children is the Bible packed away in their hearts, so that they can in times of trouble and temptation recall the inspired passages, without the omission of a word, or the transposition of a sentence. God's word is just right, and cannot afford to be twisted or misquoted. Long after we are dead, our children will be assaulted by troubles, where three chapters of general facts about Joseph will not do them as much good as one passage like

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