

the maintenance of the Society as well, prompted them to service in this field, where "the harvest truly is plenteous."

But while we mention these we do not fail to appreciate the admirable conduct, may I say, of the pupils in the various classes. They have manifested an interest in their work and for their teacher a kind respect which we must admire, and hope to see continued as years pass. Who can doubt that in these young minds, so susceptible to impression, has been dropped many a precious seed which may take root, to bring forth in time the fruits of a noble life.

Yes, may we not together say that this hour on Sabbath morn has been to us a pleasant one? But, further, what are to be the lasting effects in our career? A Friend gifted with poetical nature has said in a recent number of the REVIEW that all men should have an ideal which is the representation of that which we esteem perfect. To all this must appear the important truth in which lies the hope of benefit to the young, in setting before them lines of conduct such as lead to the higher and better parts of their natures. This path all may choose, and they who do not take an ideal and hold themselves to it are but drift wood driven hither and thither by the circumstances in which they are placed. Surely if we aim at an ideal perfect our life must be better, though we fail to reach it, for in the exertion we have gained strength and mounted to many a height which we had never reached had the gaze not been fixed on our brightest star. Oh, the golden opportunities for willing workers to direct, aye lead the way, by closely examining the noble lives of those whom our lesson suggest from time to time.

The story may be suited to the understanding of the youngest member of the class, and we may be certain some impression is formed though we may fail to detect any sign. The minds of the youth are full of wonderings, expectations and desires

which, sooner or later, must combine, and when listening to the accounts related they will readily grasp ideas that we little dream may attract their attention and a resolve is made to imitate the example, thus taking a step toward the ideal. To young people entering the years which bring serious responsibilities this ideal is doubly important. Life is not all sunshine, nor yet all storm, but clouds will come and opposing winds well nigh overpower us unless with determination to reach our destined goal we bravely face the blast, assured that sunshine will greet us when the storm is past and the long hoped-for haven reached. Let us carefully guard ourselves in the selection of companions and literature, they largely determine our progress. We have had discussions on these subjects and may the interest remain firm when our school is adjourned. We certainly regret that circumstances render it necessary to suspend for a short time, but we may in the meantime be acquiring strength for the work if permitted to again assemble in this capacity. B. W.

Bloomfield, 12 mo., 14, '87.

Depend upon it, in the midst of all the science about the world and its ways, and all the ignorance of God and His greatness, the man or woman who can say, "Thy will be done" with the true heart of giving up, is nearer the secret of things than the geologist or theologian.—[Geo. MacDonald.]

Canon Farrar has offered a standing reward of £100, in these terms:—"Cruikshank, the artist, offered £100 for proof of a violent crime committed by a total abstainer; and the money remains unclaimed to this day. I offer as much for the proof of any one case—either in the church or out of it—where drunkenness has been cured without total abstinence. In the present shaky circumstances, the only safe way of drinking—as an Irishman puts it—is to 'leave off before you begin.'"