

idolatry. They therefore published a proclamation against Buddhism, and in favour of the worship of one God. They also gave up their idols. Four of these idols were handed by one of the chiefs to Dr. Medhurst, and they are now on their way to this country. Having gone so far, these chiefs expressed a willingness to attend the Mission Chapels. One of them, Dr. Medhurst states, comes regularly every Sabbath to his place, marching there at the head of a number of his soldiers, with muskets shouldered and flying banners. On reaching the chapel, they pile up their arms in the courtyard, then enter, take their seats with much apparent thoughtfulness, listen to what is said with attention, rise up during the prayers, and altogether behave in a very proper way. Besides these, more than a hundred men have given in their names as persons who wish to be instructed, and they show their sincerity by attending service at the chapel every day.

Surely such good news as this should strengthen our belief in the power of the Gospel, and should make us more earnest than ever in spreading it through the world.—*Juv. M. Magazine.*

A Word About Sunday Schools.

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The importance and usefulness of Sunday schools are almost universally admitted. That they are essentially necessary to the perpetuity of the Church, and a means of great importance to further the great work of the world's salvation, few Christians doubt. Were a doubt expressed as to their utility, and the question asked, Can the little gatherings of children and teachers, that are connected with the different Churches, and are found in almost every school-house throughout the land, be regarded as of so much importance? what an overwhelming answer would be returned, swelling up, from every city, town, and hamlet, like the roar of many wa-

ters. Multitudes of voices, of those who are now pillars in the Churches, would testify, "My first and strongest religious impressions were received in the Sunday school. I was converted while yet a Sunday school scholar, through the efforts of a pious and faithful teacher."

Some who are now missionaries, and many who stand as watchmen on Zion's walls, would swell the sound, saying, "I too was trained in this college of the Church; it proved to me a salvation seminary." Very many now rejoicing in the liberty of God's children would add, "I never read the Bible, or attended the means of grace, until induced to do so by my child, who attended the Sunday school and repeated to me truths there learned." And yet with all this, the half would not be told. It is a Heaven-devised plan; the hope of the Church. Ought not the Church to cherish this institution with peculiar care? Ought schools to be permitted to languish for want of suitable books, and enough of them? Ought those who are competent to instruct the children in the things pertaining to the kingdom, to leave the important work, the work that tells on time and eternity, to the care of unwise, unstable, or unconverted teachers? Ought not the members of the Church generally to be often found in the Sunday school, encouraging those engaged in the good work? Ought not the cause and its interest to be more frequently and fervently remembered at the throne of grace, in our public, social, and private devotions? As a Church, are we doing all that we can do and ought to do to sustain and promote the usefulness of the schools in our midst, and to extend the helping hand to those who are striving to establish them in many destitute and neglected parts of the country?

Though much has been done, there remaineth very much yet to do. Let us sustain our character as a people that are all at it, and always at it.