

other noble institutions ; and we trust it shall go on from conquering to conquer, until it shall overcome all the combined opposition which men and devils shall bring to bear against it. Let us look for a moment at the eight million of Sabbath School Scholars in England and America alone, and those seven hundred thousand silent preachers of the Gospel in the shape of Sabbath School Teachers. When I look Sir, at the influence which these young minds must bring to bear on Society, and on those who shall rise up to fill our places, our minds feel overwhelmed with the vastness of the work in which we are engaged. If this noble enterprise continues to progress in the same ratio at which it has already progressed, what may we not expect as the result of all our combined efforts when the year nineteen hundred shall be ushered in. If Sir, it can be proved, and I believe it can, that nineteen twentieths of all the ministers of the Gospel and missionaries to foreign lands have been brought out from our Sabbath Schools, what may not we expect when these eight million Scholars become matured. In addition to this who can tell the secret restraining influence which our Sabbath Schools are exerting upon ungodly parents? Who can tell how many drunken fathers and mothers have been saved from a drunkard's grave, through the influence which has been brought to bear upon them from the Sabbath School. Again what will be the influence that those Sabbath School Unions will have upon Sabbath School Teachers of all denominations. Who can tell the life and vigour which this Union will throw around those Sabbath School Teachers, whom this movement brings together, determined to work shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart, in this noble and benevolent enterprise. Let me say to the Church as a body, that if you neglect your Sunday School, you will have a far greater difficulty in bringing your congregations to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and far greater difficulty in carrying out your schemes for enlarging the world. I think Sir, it is not too much for me to say that Britain owes her present position in the scale of nations to the secret operation of our Sabbath Schools. One word more to my fellow teachers, all the plans and suggestions which have been laid before us to day needs putting into practice, and especially in all our efforts, let us have this one great end in view, namely the salvation of these immortal souls, and permit me to add, that whenever this is not the direct object of any Sabbath School, the word *ICHABOD* might justly be written on that place. Let me not presume to fix limits to the power of Jehovah, or to tell how long it will require the grace of God to operate on these infant minds. Sir, I have known a little child of four or five years of age deeply interested with the story of the love of Jesus, and while I have talked to him of the love of God in the gift of his Son, I have seen the tear trickle down his little cheek, and I have felt sure that the grace of God was operating on that heart. My heart was gladdened a few hours ago while I heard the Sabbath School Teachers tell me in the Experience Meeting this afternoon of the numbers of children who had become the subjects of divine grace, at a very early age.

It seemed to me that the power of The Most High overshadowed us, while we thought of these triumphs of the cross, and heard of these little ones being brought to the feet of Jesus. Oh what would a Sabbath School Teacher give if he could feel assured that when he passes from time into eternity, that he should meet on the other side of the flood all those little ones whom he had led to give their hearts to Jesus. One word more in reference to our elder scholars ; when lads get to the age of seventeen or eighteen years, they feel themselves too much of men to be taught in Sabbath Schools. Now this is the most slippery time of youth and they require taking by the hand and leading with kindness and forbearance. In conclusion let me add, my dear friends and fellow teachers, I wish you all God speed, and when our work is done, although we may not see each other again in the flesh, we may see each other on the banks of deliverance and cast our crowns before Him who hath washed us and cleansed us in his own blood ; to whom be glory and power and dominion for ever and ever ! Amen.

**The Rev. Mr. MILLARD rising said,**

Sometimes there is too much talking ; we live in a wonderful age, but we are