

result from the closing henceforth of all our Sabbath-schools, What, in such a case, many parents would do with their children, through all the length of a Sabbath day, it is hard to say. Our most ordinary observation teaches us that, under such conditions, the degeneracy of the next generation would be as certain as would be the final decay of vegetation and beauty were the sun to set to rise no more.

The more thoroughly you consider the claims of youth on the Church's care—the more you reflect on the good which has already issued to home, Church and nation, from Sabbath-school instruction, and on the solemn charge to feed His lambs, delivered by Christ to one who was to give fairest proof of His love—the more earnest and hearty will be your co-operation with this good work.

And here let me ask you to aid us by sending, so far as may be within the range of possibility, your own children to the School of the Church to which you belong; by accepting the honourable office of teacher when clearly called thereto; by manifesting sympathy with those engaged by occasional visits to the School, and by joining in the prayers of the Church, that those who teach amidst many discouragements and hopes, may be strengthened and cheered from on High, and that those who are taught may be made the true children of God by the renewing of the Holy Ghost. By so doing, you will bless yourselves, and become more qualified to participate in the final joy of your Lord.