

with its management, has made great advances.

The school commenced on the 1st of June, 1848, and has continued throughout the year with an average attendance of 32, male and female. One boy, Levi Runions, who has been but six months at the school, and has never been at a day school, committed to memory and recited 673 questions and verses from the Assembly's Shorter, Church of England and Wesleyan Catechisms. Another girl recited 638 questions and verses; and another 596, besides making good progress in reading as well as in a knowledge of what they read.

We insert this notice not only to encourage those who are thus diligently laboring for the best interests of the rising generation, but also to show to others who may not yet have taken hold of this work, fearing the existence of obstacles, which would no doubt yield to the prayer of faith, accompanied with energetic and persevering action.

### THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

One has beautifully remarked—"What a gratifying occupation it is to an affectionate mind, even in a way of nature, to walk through the fields, and lead a little child by the hand, enjoying the infantine prattle, and striving to improve the time by some kind word of instruction! I wish that every Christian pilgrim in the way of grace, as he walks through the Lord's pastures, would try to lead at least one child by the hand; and perhaps while he is endeavoring to guide and preserve his young and feeble companion, the Lord will recompense him double for all his cares, by comforting his own heart in the attempt. The experiment is worth the trial. It is supported by this recollection: 'The Lord will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for Him. Behold His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arms, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.'

The Sabbath-school Teacher is engaged in a work similar to that here recommended. He is trying to lead, not simply one child, but a whole group of little ones to the feet of Jesus. His employment in some respects resembles that of the minister of the cross. He is a co-worker with Christ in the enterprise of bringing mind—immortal, undying mind—under the power of truth and holiness. Hence it is a perfectly legitimate inference, that the en-

terprise in which he is engaged is the cause of God, and cannot fail ultimately to succeed. —The apocalyptic address to the angel of Smyrna, therefore, is an appropriate exhortation, with which to urge the Sabbath-school Teacher on in the path of effort and of duty. "*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*"

Though Sabbath-school Teachers often meet with discouragements, and have to encounter many difficulties, this should be their watchword with which to cheer each other onward in this high and holy path of benevolence: "*If we are faithful, we should have, when we reach the goal, a crown thickly set with rich and resplendent gems.*" Yea! a group of young immortals, sanctified and saved through the truth which they were the happy instruments of dispensing—*this* will be their crown—their glorious crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord! What an encouragement is this, to prompt the Sabbath-school Teacher to renewed effort, as he takes his seat Sabbath after Sabbath in the midst of his class, and seeks to direct their minds to divine and heavenly things.

This employment, especially when we witness any fruits of our labor, is calculated to enliven the mind with hope and fill it with gratitude. "And should our endeavors for a length of time apparently fail of success, yet we ought not to despair. Earthly impressions and convictions of conscience have sometimes lain dormant for years, and at last revived into precious existence and maturity." Where the fruit is not immediate, there is a greater demand for faith in the divine promises. The promises of God are sure. His word cannot fail. "Write it," therefore, "and make it plain upon the tables" of the child's memory, and conscience, and heart, "that he may run that readeth. At the end it shall speak, and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." As certain as the rain and dew which nourish the earth render it fruitful, so certain will the word of God, communicated in faith and prayer, produce sooner or later decided and permanent results. It is the declaration of God himself, "As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Even should the Sabbath-school Teacher toil on till death, without witnessing any spiritual fruits resulting from his labors, if he is faithful in doing all that can be done for the salvation of his class, this divine promise will sustain him at every step, and make him feel that, whether he sees it here or not, his "labor will not be in vain in the Lord."—*Gathered Fragments.*