

he loves her; which assertion would be more readily believed if he tried to please, instead of distressing her.

Edward is not only disobedient and impatient, but exceedingly self-willed. He likes his own way best, and is often heard to say, "I will have it;" or, "I will go." He has, too, a sad habit of contradicting every body, and making assertions in the most positive manner, which is not at all becoming in young people. Very frequently he displays that evil feeling, alas! so common—I mean selfishness; preferring our own gratification before another's, or sometimes at the expense of another person's comfort. This disposition is seen when chasing a butterfly, for amusement, and may very probably be termed cruel, as the poor little insect must suffer from a rude touch, and soon dies when confined under a glass, or in a box.

Now, as a person may have a dirty face, without being aware of it till he sees it in a looking glass; so may a child be told of his faults, and not see how hateful they appear. I have therefore chosen this method of displaying them, that they may be more readily seen, and do good, if read with care, and prayer for the Holy Spirit's influences without which we cannot discover our true characters.

When Edward has read this, and his conscience tells him it is a description of his own conduct, I hope he will not throw it aside, and, in his usual manner, say, "Ah! well, I don't care;" but I would advise him to read it again with attention; go into his own little room, then kneel down, and beg of God to convince him of his sinfulness, and change his heart.

Perhaps, amongst the readers of this magazine, there may be more than one little boy or girl to whom some part of this paper may apply. Let each one ask himself, or herself, "Is this my character? Am I unprofitable to my kind parents? Do I show these tempers and dispositions which are so unamiable?" If you have reason to

think this is the case, dear children, go and ask God to make you sorry for your sins, and forgive you, for Jesus Christ's sake, for you have offended him by such conduct. You know it is said, in the Bible, "Children, obey your parents in all things." Read about Jesus Christ; he was subject to his parents; he was meek and lowly in heart; and, if you ask him in sincerity, he will make you like himself.

But you must watch against all evil tempers, and pray that God the Holy Spirit would enable you to overcome them, for his grace is promised to all who ask for it.—*Childs' Companion.*

TEACHER'S CORNER.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We take the following chapter, "Heaven's Antidote to the Curse of Labor," from the Prize Essay on the proper observance of the Sabbath, by J. Allan Quinton, Ipswich, England, from which Sabbath School Teachers in Canada will see the high estimate that is formed of the work in which they are engaged, and that they may be led to regard, in a suitable point of view the responsibility of their position, or, as a consequence, the necessity of seeking those qualifications which alone can enable them to discharge their duty aright.

The Sabbath Schools of our land afford another exemplification of the advantages of the Sabbath in relation to mind. These delightful institutions are mainly supplied with scholars from the families of the lower ranks of society. There are at the present time, according to a recent calculation, not fewer than two millions of such children gathered every Sabbath day into these Christian nurseries; a large proportion of whom are employed thro' the entire week, and who, but for this expedient of Christian benevolence and zeal, would grow up in a state of barren ignorance. Here, then, we have a machinery, simple in its construction, noiseless and unobtrusive in its operations, but nevertheless wonderful and far-reaching in its results. The ten thousand little streamlets glide unseen along the bed of society; the children and teachers come and go from week to week; the busy world, meanwhile, taking no note of them; but a mighty and beneficent work is stealthily going on in secret. The fallow ground of two millions of