

runes. The luxury of giving the children music of their own, simple in language and simple in melody, had not occurred to these worthies of the past; but the creative energy of the Sunday-school came into the field of the church's life and all this has been changed. A brother minister was telling me some time ago about the death of his dear little boy, and of how he passed away after singing "When He Cometh, etc." A dear little boy in one of my pastoral charges delightfully sang in his dying moments, "Gathering Home," a hymn which he had learned in the Sunday-school, although his infant lips were quite unable to utter perfectly the words. Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and goodness of God in giving our children such volumes of Christian song, not only to convey to them saving knowledge, and to lift their young hearts up to Christ on wings of heavenly melody, but to teach to die triumphantly, and to go to the very presence of Christ with songs and everlasting joy.

4th. The Sunday-school has done more to create *Unity* amongst the churches than any other agency known. The Evangelical Alliance has had but a mere fraction of its influence in this direction. The spirit of Christ in the Sunday-school has made for love and peace all these years. The children have been leading the churches, and woe unto that

church which is unwilling to be led in this direction. That which the churches have failed to solve, the Sunday-school is going to help at least, to solve, for Christ is leading the way and although the end does not yet appear to mortal sight, the goal of Christ-like unity must sooner or later be reached. The International Series of Lessons has been a signal triumph, and has far more than fulfilled the anticipations of the projectors. This is practical unity of operation far ahead of any platform verbiage you or I ever listened to. With infinite variety of detail, this is one mind, one heart, one lesson, one grand united effort every Sabbath day. Every Sabbath day these millions of teachers and scholars all sit down to the same Gospel feast. This is surely a scene of decency, good order and unity that must delight the angels to gaze upon.

Then, again, the Sunday-schools of this continent are all in brotherly combination and intercourse. The days of the International convention of this continent are among the high days of the Christian world. Almost every county in Ontario is organized, and many Townships in these counties are organized with the express object of planting schools in every needy district. The same work is going on in the other Provinces of the Dominion and in the States of the American Union. In all the organizations