

Here you will be free from danger,
Never, never more to roam;
Come to me, I'll make you mine,
Come to me, and cease to pine.

Now you're in a stranger's home,
Now you're 'neath a stranger's roof—
But you'll find that stranger kind,
Chiding only with reproof;
Make this house your home for ever,
Until death force us to sever

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Montreal, January, 1836,

FOR THE INSTRUCTOR.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—No. I.

To Parents and others who have the guardianship of Children.

DEAR FRIENDS,

With feelings of respectful affection for you, and ardent solicitude for the welfare, temporal and eternal, of your important and interesting charge—to promote whose happiness may be justly supposed to be one of the principal objects of your life—I would draw your attention to the consideration of Sabbath Schools, as being eminently calculated to lay the foundation for their future usefulness and felicity.

The object of these institutions is to inculcate the principles of Christianity in the mind at that season of life, when it is most susceptible of instruction, and at which a lesson makes the most durable impression. All who have attained to any advanced age have observed, that while events of very recent occurrence are almost entirely forgot, others, which happened in early childhood, are remembered with a vividness and force that are truly astonishing: How important, then, that, at this spring time of life, such seed should be sown as will produce, in autumn, the most profitable harvest. Soon, in many instances, those who are now the objects of your constant care, and under your immediate control, will change your guardianship for another; and may be exposed, through the disregard of those under whose care they may be, to the temptations of a delusive world, and the machinations of designing people, who lay in wait and seize every opportunity to entrap the unwary, and too frequently succeed in dragging down to ruin their unprotected victims, and render-

ing them as despicable, wretched and miserable as themselves. Infidelity, too, stalks fearlessly abroad, and belches forth his poison in the face of day. Think not it is too odious to allure—too many has it robbed of happiness in life, of hope in death. Great is the fear that the mind, which is unprotected by the barrier of Religious principles, will seize eagerly the supposition that it may walk in the ways of its heart, and in the sight of its eyes, without having its sinful pleasures embittered by the thought that for all these things it will be brought to judgment. Let, then, the mind be fortified by the knowledge of truth, that it may be enabled to stand the shock of fierce temptation at that age when the passions are strong and the judgment unformed.

Ye learned—ye rich—ye pious—send your children to a Sabbath School. It may not be absolutely necessary on their account—but they will be rather better than worse. It is not intended to supersede domestic instruction still may you enjoy the blissful privilege of training up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and by so doing you will receive assistance, which, if followed up by judicious counsels at home, may, yea will be productive of blessed results. But the principal motive by which I would urge it upon you to permit your children to attend these institutions, is your **EXAMPLE**—lend, I would say, your influence to make it respectable to attend them; then many, who are regardless of the eternal interests of themselves and their offspring, may be induced to send them where they will obtain a knowledge of those things, which belong to their peace, and which there is a fearful possibility they might not otherwise obtain.

I would further urge upon all who may be interested, to visit the schools, in order, that you may make yourselves acquainted with the character to whose care your children are confided, and the nature of the instruction they receive.

In the hope that, with your assistance and the blessing of God, the Sabbath School may be made an instrument in evangelising the world, and conducive to the universal spread of pure and undefiled religion—with all the respect due to the character of those I am addressing—I subscribe myself,

A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

Montreal, January 16, 1836.