

Mr. BANCROFT—I consider that the statement just made shows the importance of endeavouring as much as possible to draw the uncared-for classes of children within the influence of the Sabbath schools, and in so far as the first speaker has gone in that direction, I am entirely with him. But I cannot understand on what principle he would exclude all other children. I think I must rather coincide with those speakers, who think that the children of all classes should be gathered in. I will not underrate the happy, holy influence of home teaching, if the children can have it; but till we can be certain that all Christian parents will give right instruction to their children, it is our duty to draw these children as well as others into the schools. It is our duty to draw the children of all classes; but I shall be very glad if any farther effort can be made to bring in the 2000 children now without instruction, and such an effort I shall be most happy to second, with all my might.

The PRESIDENT said, I could not concur in all the views of the first speaker. Later speakers have I think taken a better view of the breadth of the subject. In thinking over it, the views I have adopted are these:—that while the child is committed first to the parent, as a solemn trust for the purpose of bringing him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, yet that the church has a duty also in relation to the young. I think the Sabbath school is the child's church, where more especially his youthful mind is condescended to, and from whence he is brought into communion with the church of God. Even to pious parents, it is a help to have pious teachers dealing with the minds of the children and co-operating with the parent in fitting their minds for eternity.

Mr. S. B. SCOTT said, that he did not intend to exclude from the schools, the children of members of the church, and he was sorry that he had been so unfortunate as to be misunderstood in that respect.

The Hon. James Ferrier said, I have long known the sentiments of Mr. Scott in respect to this matter of the admission to Sabbath schools of the children of poor and rich, and I must confess that unless I had known them, I should have thought that there were some sentences in his address, which looked like the exclusion of the rich. I am aware that Mr. Scott desires to educate both together; but his mind has dwelt much upon the bringing in of the poor. In this cold climate, however, it is not merely to ask the children of the poor to come to your schools. You must clothe them, and I take the occasion of seeing so many ladies and teachers now present to impress on them the necessity of the churches being more active in the organization of Dorcas Societies and the preparation of clothing, for those who could not come for the want of it. That there were many such, I know from reports brought in every Sunday. I desire to have all classes taught together. It is in

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