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### HOW OUR PAPER IS LIKED.



We have received some very warm congratulations on the improvement of the S. S. GUARDIAN over the S. S. Advocate. We hope to go on improving with every number. Through the kind services of the Rev.

Dr. Punshon, who has not lost, and we don't think ever will lose, his interest in Canadian Sunday Schools, we have secured over a hundred beautiful engravings of Methodist missionary scenes and incidents, some of them in our own North-West, which will be of great interest to all our readers.

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### EARLY CONVERSIONS.



We were talking with a Canadian Methodist minister the other day, when he made the following striking statement. He had kept, he said, a record of all the persons whom he had known converted to God in ten years—eight hundred in number. Of these, only three per cent., that is, three persons in a hundred, or twenty-four persons altogether, had been converted after they were forty years old; and almost all the others had been converted while they were young.

Dear boys and girls, if you let your youth pass by without giving your hearts to God, the awful probability is that you will never give your hearts to God at all; but that you will put off from month to month, from year to year, the work of salvation, till death overtakes you and seals your doom for ever.

And it is natural that it be so. If when your hearts are young and tender, before your souls are deeply stained with guilt, before you have wandered far from God, and when His loving voice and His Holy Spirit call you loudly to repent and forsake your sins and give your hearts to the Saviour—if you resist those holy influences then, when all things are so favourable, will it not be more difficult, even if your life should be spared, of which you are not sure for a single day or hour, to give up sin when it has become a habit of your being; when your heart is hardened by its deceitfulness, when the cares and the business of life engross every thought, or its sinful pleasures make you deaf to the voice of God?

Oh! do not run the fearful risk. Say, like the youthful Samuel, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth." Say with David, "My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth." "Remember now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

### OUR LIFE.

LIFE is like a roll of costly material passing swiftly through our hands, and we must embroider our patterns on it as it goes. We cannot wait to pick up a false stitch, or pause too long before we set another. Only, if we keep our eye ever on our great Exemplar, we shall find when He finishes off our work, and smooths out its rumples, and cuts away its frayed ends, that even its spots and mistakes fall into a purpose in its plan.