

one has stumbled over it because of its very simplicity. Strange that so few direct, personal and persistent efforts have been put forth for their immediate conversion in the Church, in the Sunday School and in the home. We cannot be too thankful for the Sunday Schools, which have accomplished a great work among the children, but how many Sunday School teachers have hindered the little ones from coming to Jesus! They teach Bible history and geography, they tell them that if they will try to be good and do the best they can that they will go to heaven when they die, and they wait until they reach what they consider an age of responsibility before they tell them that they are poor, lost, guilty, helpless sinners needing salvation. Is it not true of a child as of a man that except he be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God?

Dr. Dwight, of Yale College, speaking of the desirability of labouring for the early conversion of children, says :

“The conscience is at this period exceedingly tender and susceptible, readily alarmed by the apprehension of guilt. All the affections also are easily moved and are fit to retain permanently and often indelibly whatever impressions are made. To every good thing the heart is drawn, comparatively without trouble or resistance and united by bonds which no future art or force can dissolve.”