

question is often asked, What methods can we adopt to make our Sabbath schools more effective? In the replies, it may be that the relation in which the parent stands to the child has occupied a position too subordinate, if it has not been entirely overlooked. This may be an old-fashioned view; it is however none the less the truth. To the thoughtful mind the "missing link" will be found here. Christian parents, are you in this respect repairing the wall over against your house?

This strict attention to personal and family religion will not produce selfishness. On the contrary the man who is most concerned about himself and his family will have most at heart the interests of others. Like the man who, unseen by the world, gathers strength at home by rest and food, and then goes forth to perform successfully his daily task; so the Christian who feeds in secret on the hidden manna, and cultivates family piety, goes forth with a zeal which knows no abatement to advance the best interests of Zion.

Let us imitate the example of Jedaiah the son of Harumaph. Is the wall over against our house dilapidated, inviting the entrance of the enemy? Let us arise and build.

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### A WONDERFUL MEETING.

One of the most remarkable religious meetings that perhaps has ever been heard of, took place in Dublin, Ireland, in November. It was a great Christian convention at which were gathered some twelve or fifteen thousand people nearly one thousand of whom were ministers. From 10 o'clock in the morning until evening this vast assembly was kept together, the only attraction being religious exercises. It is not at all to be wondered at that such a grand convention assembled in the very midst of Roman Catholicism should excite fears, suspicion, and anger among the Papal Hierarchy. Such an immense gathering animated with a desire of winning souls to Christ must certainly be productive of great good. The motto of this Convention was, Ireland for Christ, and

doubtless it has been instrumental in sending forth an increased band of Christian workers for the Redeemer. Hence we look for glorious results in the Emerald Isle, and large accessions to the ranks of King Jesus. In these Lower Provinces we hold our religious assemblies from week to week and from year to year, and though much smaller than the Dublin Convention, yet what results follow? Do we come from them more zealous? Our prayers may be beautiful, our meetings somewhat interesting, strong resolutions may be passed, the attendance may be good, and whilst religious exercises are being conducted great attention may be evinced, but when we mingle again with the masses does zeal flag, ardor cool, and inactivity appear? If, as one of the speakers exclaimed at the Dublin meeting, Ireland shall be won for Christ, should we not also adopt as our motto at all our religious meetings, these Maritime Provinces for Christ, and labour earnestly to bring about such a result? Prayer is well, but prayer followed by inertia will produce little good. Christian earnestness and activity coupled with true prayer is what is required ere fresh recruits will be added to the army of the Lord. Let not this fact be forgotten at all our religious assemblies; we may confidently look for an increased band of Christian workers, doing good in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the Redeemer.

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### TRUE PRAYER.

In the year 1834 Mr. Muller founded Orphan Houses in Bristol, England. During a period of 41 years he has obtained £617,000 wholly in answer to prayer. Many a father finds it a difficult matter to provide for a family of seven or eight children, and to meet all the expenses connected with such a family. Mr. Muller has the expenses of 2400 persons daily to meet, and no certain income to depend on. What does he do? He looks to the Lord and to Him alone, and he tells us the Lord has never failed him. Here is a beautiful instance showing the results of true prayer, and what can be accomplished when we exercise faith in the