

The President then spoke as follows :

Brethren and Sisters in the work,—In addressing you I do not intend to go over the work of the year, which will be reported by the various officers. I wish rather to strike the key-note of the Convention during its sessions. The thought that lies upon me is "Reverent Service," or "Reverence in Service." In the New Version I find that the twenty-eighth verse of Hebrews, twelfth chapter, reads : "Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe." I desire, then, that our minds be attuned to the proper pitch as given by the apostles in this Scripture : godly service, well-pleasing, with reverence and awe.

There is a danger lest in assembling as we do to consider methods of teaching and how to use them, we overlook the very core of all success in our work, viz., *reverence*. How beautifully Tennyson has put it in that prayer of his :

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell ;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before,
But vaster."

Reverence in Sabbath School work, like the heavenly city, "lieth four-square." First, I believe we should have reverence toward God ; second, reverence for His revealed Word of truth ; third, reverence for the child to whom we wish to impart it ; fourth, reverence in all our service, doing it as unto God.

Reverence for God, as the Father, the bountiful Giver, He who leads us, has kept us, and provided for us. Let us start with reverence for God, and reverence for His Son, the Redeemer who loved us and gave himself for us. "If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life"—and reverence for the Holy Spirit, who, when the Son ascended into glory, was sent down to guide us as promised, into all truth. With all our methods and plans, however perfect, the Holy Spirit must lead, guide, and illumine the Word, or our study and teaching will be in vain. Let us have reverence, then, for the Holy Ghost, who separates and equips us for the work.

Then, reverence for the Bible. Reverence for the Word—why ? First, for what it is—the revelation of God and the history of humanity ; second, for what it has done. Take a map of the world and mark in red the countries where the Bible has been read, and where its influence is prevailing, and the rest of the world will be almost in the blackness of darkness, not only spiritually but politically and socially. That blessed book is to be revered, because it is not only the herald of salvation, but also the harbinger of civilization

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