

rather linger for a moment over the past, and shortly review the course you have run.

You have been spared another year for one of two reasons. If you are a child of God, you have been spared to glorify God, to reflect his character, to be a light in the world. Have you fulfilled your high calling? how have the graces of the Spirit been cultivated? how have the inward corruptions been subdued? If you are young in years, have you sought to glorify God by the simple performance of the duties required of you—it matters not what that duty be. Ask yourself these questions, and answer them. But I fear many who may read this cannot glorify God, because they do not know him. You have been preserved through another year, to lead you to repentance. This has been the sole object, for hitherto God could not look upon you with complaisance, for you loved him not, you were not a fair plant in his garden, but a withered, sapless tree, fit only for the burning. It is to give you yet a chance that you are here, see that you profit by it. Another New-Year's day may come, but you may have passed away; to you time may be no more, eternity may have begun. Look back on the past year; if spent without the fear of God, it cannot have been a happy year. You are conscious of many things done amiss, and if you have no Advocate secured, how are you to answer for one of the many, and yet this may be your last year; some who have begun the year with you have fallen by your side. There are very few who can say no changes have passed over their little circle; each change was the voice of God calling you to repentance. If all has been unbroken peace, then in the still, small voice, God has been speaking to you, "to day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Children of the Sabbath schools, another year of Sabbath has closed upon you. Every Sabbath the invitation of the Gospel has been repeated, entreaties and persuasions have all been used, to induce you to seek safety where alone it is to be found, in Jesus Christ. The stream of time is rapidly bearing you onward to eternity—an eternity of bliss or woe, of happiness or misery; it is for you to choose, and to choose now.

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Teacher's Corner.

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DEAR SIR,—I have seen a great many useful hints and good advices to Sabbath School Teachers in the *S. S. Record*; and they are much wanted, and by many duly appreciated and much good may be expected from them, when they are calculated to confirm the wavering to come-forward in the useful characters of Sabbath School Teachers. But everything that tends to quench even the smoking flax of a desire to assist in so good a work, ought to be excluded; for who knows that this or the other person, is not intended by the Almighty, as useful and successful laborers in his vineyard? We see by Holy Writ, that our first parents did not profit in the Garden by God's own teaching; nor did all the scholars of repentant and penitent Adam profit by his teaching; nor had righteous Noah better success. The Father of the faithful had to grieve over Ishmael; Isaac over Esau; Jacob over his sons and scholars, Reuben, Simeon, and Levi; Moses over the children of Israel; David, the man after God's own heart, had to grieve over, and for his rebellious and unnatural son; and many other good men and good teachers had to mourn their want of success. Even our Saviour, who knew and knows the hearts of all men, had a Judas in his own school, and sent him forth, along with the other twelve Apostles, as a teacher of others. A Paul may plant, and an Apollos may water, but God only can give the increase. Who then shall say, I am duly qualified for a successful Sabbath School Teacher?

I am led to the above remarks by seeing two communications from a Sabbath School Teacher, dated Oakville, June 28th, and September 10. My brother teacher may mean well; but we cannot expect to see his anticipations realised. My brother teacher ought to remember what our Saviour said to the Apostle John who found fault with and forbade a certain person from teaching in his Master's name, because he went not with him. There is no danger of any of the servants of the adversary of human souls turning Sabbath School Teachers; because a house divided against itself cannot stand.