

made to exclaim, "Behold I am vile: God be merciful to me a sinner." I hope, my young friends, that these few hints I have given you respecting this important subject, will lead you to examine it more carefully yourselves, and read and see what the Bible teaches respecting it; for we must all be convinced of sin, before we will value and love the Saviour; and never till we believe and love the Saviour, can we have any sure evidence that we are preparing for the crown and the kingdom of glory. There are many other ideas connected with this subject, with which you should be familiar, and respecting which I would willingly tell you; but I must delay till another opportunity presents itself. Read your Bibles; hang on the lips of your ministers and teachers; and pray and wait for the arrow of conviction to reach your hearts, from the bow of the Holy Spirit. When this good work is begun in a soul, it will be carried on till the soul is not only brought into the kingdom of Christ, but till soul and body are glorified with Christ in eternal day. "He that hath begun the good work in you, will carry it on till the day of Jesus Christ."

R. L.

Ayr, January, 1850.

THE MUSIC

Is omitted once more—the volume of Sacred Music which we have in press, is about completed; in our next, therefore, we shall resume it in the *Record*, and occupy two pages until we have brought up arrears.

In several of the communications with our Annual Returns, we are requested to send on small parcels of elementary works, helps for teachers, etc. We would inform all such, that we have abundance of both, in great variety; but at this season of the year, cannot forward them, except to some of the front towns, without much uncertainty as to the parcel reaching its destination.

TEACHER'S CORNER.

DUTIES OF PREACHERS IN REGARD TO THEIR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Discipline requires that the preacher hand in a report, in writing, of the state of the Sabbath school at each quarterly-meeting conference.

The preachers, therefore, are all expected to have prepared a *written* Sunday-school report. No preacher should be dependent on the superintendent, or secretary, or any other officer of his Sunday school, but should make himself so familiar with all the details, state, and wants of his Sunday school, as to be able and ready to *give*, and not *ask*, information. He should visit the schools frequently—see that nothing wrong occurs in their management, or the manner of conducting them, and if there should be, see that it is amended—examine the library, and see that no improper books are admitted into it—see if books are not needed to replenish the library; and take measures, by preaching sermons expressly on the subject, and making collections, and using other measures, to supply the school with suitable books; no school can flourish without a good library for the children to read.

In fact, a preacher is supposed, among us, to know all about his Sunday schools, (and everything else connected with his charge), and report quarterly to this quarterly-meeting conference, in writing, and never come to quarterly meeting unprepared, and have to excuse himself that he had forgotten it, or had not seen the officers of the school, or had not time to make out his report. These excuses only expose his carelessness or indifference about his appropriate duties, and lower his standing in the estimation of his people, and, as a necessary consequence, lessen his usefulness among them. It is supposed and expected that preachers know *more*, and are more *punctual*, than other people. A very small thing, in a Methodist preacher, may much lessen, if not even destroy, his usefulness.—*Christian Advocate and Journal*.

Six P's for a Sabbath-School Teacher.

PRAYER.

Sincere, earnest, believing, and persevering prayer should ever precede every teacher's preparation for his work, since he who does not ask cannot expect a blessing.

PREPARATION.

How necessary for the sower to be acquainted with the seed he is going to sow, and the best method of sowing it! An unprepared teacher enters upon the enemy's ground unarmed, and commences a campaign without stores or provisions, and hence the "strong man armed keepeth his goods."

PUNCTUALITY.

Time will soon be over, and eternity