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BYE AND BYE.

Dear Young People:—Here is something for you to think about. If you could look forward twenty or thirty years, and look into the churches where you now worship, the most of the men and women would be from among yourselves. If you could see a Communion in your churches, many of the members would be those to whom I am now writing, and some of the elders would be those who are now boys and young men reading these lines. If you could see the Sabbath Schools which you now attend, most of the teachers would be from among yourselves. If you could look into the pulpits many of the preachers would be the boys and young men who now read the young people's RECORD. If you could look to the Foreign Mission Field many of the men and women engaged there would be the young people who to-day play and work, and, I hope, pray. All the world over, those who are now boys and girls will then be the men and women, building the houses, ploughing the fields, digging the mines, sailing the ships, running the shops and factories, keeping the homes, doing the work in the world and in the church, while some of those who are now doing that work will be old men and women, and some will have passed away. Now,

I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK YOU.

How is this work to be done twenty or thirty years after this? What kind of Sabbath Schools shall we have? What kind of teachers? What kind of ministers shall we have? What kind of workmen? What kind of tradesmen? Is the world and the church to be better than it is to-day? Will there be more honesty and truthfulness in work and in trade than there now is? Will there be more earnestness and faithfulness in doing work for God than there now is? Or, will it be the other way? Will all this be worse? I hope it will all be better, for you have better opportunities than those who have gone before you.

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

Do you know the time when you must decide what kind of men and women the world will have, twenty or thirty years after this? You must decide it now. What time does the farmer decide what kind of grain he will have in harvest? He decides it in the spring when sowing the seed. This is your spring time, and the Bible tells us that "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

The boys and girls that now form the habits of being kind, good, just, loving, true, at their work and play, will be the men and women who will have such habits then, while the boys and girls that are unkind, hateful, false, will be those of whom will come that kind of men and women. The young people who pray will for the most part be the praying men and women. Those who form the habit of church-going now will be those who will be found in the churches then. The good Sabbath School scholar will likely be the good Sabbath School teacher. From among those who are now obedient to their earthly parents will come most of the men and women who will obey their Father in Heaven. You are now forming the habits that will guide you bye and bye.

ONE THING MORE.

Try and learn now as much as you can about the work that our Church is doing,