

our families reverence as they should the place of prayer, speak kindly of the minister, and strive to profit by what is preached; if they are as regular and self-denying in their attendance upon divine worship as they are in their attention to business; if the children were given to understand that the Sabbath preaching service is to be participated in with the same regularity and promptness as the Sabbath dinners; if these things were observed, conscientiously and perseveringly, a change for the better would be speedily realized.

Again, if the superintendant and teachers will do what they easily may, a very large proportion of the children of any Sabbath-school may be induced to attend at least one preaching ser-

vice each Sabbath. Some of the children's parents never go to church, but they would have no objection to the children going, provided they could be well cared for; and some arrangement ought to be made by every Church by which such children can have seats and watch-care in the house of God. There are many good ministers who are preaching to thin houses, whose hearts might be made glad by a rapid increase in their congregations if they would only use these simple means. Try them, brethren; and when the lambs of the flock gather about the undershepherd let him be sure that some portions of the choicest food be placed within reach of the little ones."

## Living Preachers.

### THAT DREAD DAY!

#### III.

##### THE NEW HOME.

"Nevertheless we according to his promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness, wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." II Peter iii. 13, 14.

If you tell a man that some night when he least expects it, his house is to be burnt up, the man will naturally begin to bethink himself of another house to shelter his head. Peter tells us in the verses preceding this that the "heavens shall pass away with a great noise," etc. Our dwelling house—*roof, walls, foundation and furniture*—is destined to perish. Is it not natural for us therefore to enquire: "What is to become of us when this world is destroyed?" Peter answers this question. "Nevertheless we according to his promise," etc. As

our subject last Sabbath was the *destruction of the old house* our subject to-day is the *Church's new home*.

Several questions meet us in meditating on this subject. 1. Where lies the security for the new-house? 2. Where is the home to be? 3. What kind of place is it? 4. To whom does it belong? 5. How can we prepare ourselves for this home? It is only a few words that can be said on each of these points.

1. *The security for the new home* is of the very best character. You need no security for what you have already in possession. "Hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for." But these eyes of ours will not see the new heavens till the old heavens have passed away, nor can our feet walk the new earth till this old earth has been burned up. Our home is not in possession. This new home is in the region of hope. What is the ground of our hope? His *promise* "accord-