

TEACHER'S CORNER.

Oakville, June 28, 1850.

As a teacher in Christ's vineyard below, and endeavoring to enlarge the fold of Christ, I beg a space in your valuable publication, namely, the *Sabbath School Record*, to offer a few remarks in connection with this valuable institution.

The Sabbath schools in this country, wherever they exist, are generally well attended, and seemingly to prosper, as far as numbers are concerned; but it is to be lamented that those children who attend from Sabbath to Sabbath, nay, from year to year, are so little affected with the instructions they receive from their teachers. And what is the cause of this? Do those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of a Sabbath School teacher, know the way of salvation themselves—have they a commission from the Great Shepherd of the sheep—have they been sent there by the Lord Jesus? Ah, it is to be feared, many have taken upon themselves this important office, who have never been taught in the School of Christ, and who have never sat at his feet and learnt the things that belong to their peace, who merely attend to pass away an hour or two of God's holy day. And why is it that such characters are allowed to take part in that nursery, when they virtually, by their walk, deny him who carried the lambs in his bosom? What can we expect of such superintendents, who would appoint those individuals, as described above, to a great work? It is on them that the responsibility lies. And till once we have superintendents of a high tone of spirituality, the great evil will never be remedied. They then will appoint teachers who are bought with the precious blood of Jesus, and who are not only teaching the young, while engaged with them in the Sabbath School, but also in their daily walk, who "confess that they are pilgrims and strangers upon earth, and are following the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." And I hold that none ought to be appointed to that office but those that know Christ experimentally, they alone are capable of pointing the children to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Such teachers will remember at a throne of grace the young souls that are committed to

their care; and I hope the day is not far distant when our schools shall be cleansed of ungodly teachers, and their places filled with God-fearing men, who know the worth of immortal souls, and can say from their heart "come with us, and we will do thee good."

A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

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DEAR SIR,—Believing you are always glad to hear of the progress and prosperity of Sabbath Schools, I would beg leave to inform you of the establishment of one here, which has been in operation since January last. As regards its success, so far as numbers are concerned, it has come up to our most sanguine expectations, although not half the children in the village attend. A great proportion of the inhabitants being Roman Catholics, keep their children from Protestant instruction, and I am afraid, from instruction of any kind. We have about sixty scholars on the roll, although, I am sorry to say, our average attendance does not much exceed thirty. Some of the scholars have made considerable progress, in committing to memory passages of Scripture, psalms and hymns. Four of our best scholars have committed to memory as follows:

	Verses.	Age.
Elizabeth A. Burgs,	407	12
James Mitchels,	254	12
Mary Mitchels,	250	10
Mary Fergusson,	250	12

Many more of the scholars have from 100 to 200 verses committed. We have a very good library, which seems to be well read, and we doubt not much good will arise from these means, which will tend to the glory of God, and the good of souls.

It is to be lamented, that Sabbath profanation prevails here to an alarming extent, although I am inclined to believe, it is on the decline since the Sabbath School was formed, although, I am sorry to state, that its general influence is not so good as we could wish, or even expect, but we hope the Lord will, in his own time and way bless our labors, that the seed sown may bring forth fruit to his glory, many days hence.

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