

effort of the human mind to escape from the difficulty. Baptism is the seal that attests the child's covenant relation to Christ. He thought the reason why children grew up out of Christ was because they were seldom taught they belonged to Him, and because parents have little faith in the religion of children. Children are all redeemed by Christ, and, consequently, dying before having committed actual transgression, they are saved. It is the province of religious culture to repress the evil and encourage the good.

A Sunday service was held at Picton. Dr. Green occupied the chair, and the Revs. J. Scott, Alex. Sutherland and W. H. Withrow addressed the meeting.

At Kingston also, a very successful Sunday School meeting was held, of which the following is a condensed report :—

The Hon. James Ferrier, of Montreal, was called to the chair. The honorable gentleman, in introducing the exercises, gave some very interesting reminiscences connected with Sunday School work. He said he commenced his career as a Sunday School worker in 1826, and that since that time, except when travelling abroad or when in Parliament, and a few Sundays that he had been laid up by sickness, he had never been absent from his place in the school. In 1841 the first Methodist Sunday School was commenced in the City of Montreal. In 1828 this school began to branch out in different directions, and to-day there were in those schools no less than 2,726 children. During the last year those children had contributed for missionary purposes the noble sum of \$3,794.34. He regretted that he did not know how many young men had gone out of these schools into the work of the Christian ministry. Some of the most gifted and successful labourers had received a part of their training there. He need only say that the Rev. Dr. Douglas had been a scholar in the Great St. James Street School under his own care. He also paid a fine tribute to the memory of the late Adam Miller, who also had been one of his Sunday School scholars.

The Rev. John Wilson read the report of the Sunday School Committee, from which we glean the following facts :— There are under the care of the Conference 194 schools, with 12,831 scholars. In these schools there had been collected for missions \$5,280 93 ; for school purposes \$3,943.17 ; and other purposes, \$7,596. The report earnestly recommended the adoption of the international series of Sabbath School lessons, and the use of the *Berran Leaves* as helps to their interpretation. It also counseled great caution in the selection of Sunday School libraries.

The Rev. Mr. Follick spoke upon the advantages of Sunday School instruction in preventing Sunday desecration, in promoting the study and increasing the knowledge of the Scriptures, in promoting the conversion of the children, and in preparing them for usefulness in their subsequent lives.

The Rev. Joseph W. Sparling followed in an eloquent address upon the importance of early religious nurture. He dwelt upon the frequency with which the religious instruction of children is insisted upon in the Scriptures. He insisted upon this as the duty of parents, a duty from which they could not possibly be relieved. The Sunday School was not intended to do this, but to assist parents in in that work. This entitled the Sunday School to the sympathy and co-operation of parents. He went on to speak of the conditions of success in this work, dwelling specially on the necessity of earnestness. He spoke of the discouragements with which this work is beset, and finally upon these considerations by which, in spite of these difficulties and discouragements, the Sunday School worker should be moved to persevering fidelity in it.

The Rev. Alex. Sutherland delivered an elaborate address upon the moral status of infant children, their relation to Adam on the one hand and to Christ on the other, by which the little child is not only entitled to Christian ordinances, but by which he is also prepared for the reception of the truth and to become the subject of Christian nurture.