

## Contributed Articles.

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### WEAK POINTS OF OUR S. S. WORK AND HOW TO STRENGTHEN THEM.\*

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Sabbath School workers, we cannot form too high a conception of the work in which we are engaged as Sabbath School teachers. Its object is not only to enlighten the mind with the truths of God's word, but to lead the soul to Him who is mighty to save. Such a sacred work is worthy of higher and holier natures than we possess. But while we are humbled at the thought of our unfitness for such an holy calling, let us, on the other hand, rejoice that God has been pleased to put the treasure of His gospel in such earthen vessels as we are, for Christ our Divine Master says, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit." The object of our work is faultless. It is high and pure as heaven and as far-reaching as eternity. While our ideal is perfect, our actual work does not correspond with it. Like the scholar's copy of the faultless headline, there are many imperfections in our work, for we are imperfect beings and the material we work upon is imperfect also. Is it any wonder then that there are weak places in the thread which we spin and the battlements we are building. By weak places in our work, I mean things that cause us anxiety, because they hinder us in the accomplishment of our labors. As a weak back not only causes much suffering to the person who is afflicted with it, but also causes delay in the accomplishing of work, and sometimes forces it to be abandoned altogether, so do these weaknesses not only cause us grief, but retard our progress, and sometimes hinder us altogether from accomplishing our purpose.

We must all admit that there are things which cause us much anxiety in our Sabbath School work. But common trials draw us together, and as we stand shoulder to shoulder facing our difficul-

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