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"ALL THY CHILDREN SHALL BE TAUGHT OF THE LORD."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN EARNEST.

Will you listen, my dear friend, to a few words from a fellow-labourer in your important work?

The souls of children are committed to our care. The glory of God, through their salvation, should be our constant aim. It is not enough to meet the children week by week, to hear their lessons, and go through the business of the school. Regular attendance, perfect repetition, outward obedience and attention, these are not enough: the questions before us are, "What are our children in the sight of God? and what are we doing to lead them to Christ?"

Bring your class before your mind. Think of your children one by one, and ask how many you could hope to meet in heaven, if they were now called into eternity! Has any one felt the burden of his sins, and believed in Jesus Christ for salvation? Do you hope that any one is born again, "renewed in the spirit of his mind," proving by daily conduct that he is a child of God?

O, rest not till you have that hope regarding all! It is not the will of God that any should perish. The salvation of every child in your class is not too much to hope, too much to ask. Say will you be satisfied with less?—Which can you bear to think of as a child of Satan; under the curse of God; refusing a Saviour's mercy; deaf to His calls of love? Which could you bear to see another day turning away under the sound, "Depart."

Let us awake to our responsibility, and ask ourselves, Have we faithfully performed our duty to our children, or to God? Have we felt the priceless worth of the immortal soul? Do we believe that, however amiable our children may appear, they are "by nature the children of wrath;" and, dying in that state, cannot enter the kingdom of heaven? Have we felt their danger, thought over it, and wept over it, when alone with God? In the still hour of prayer, have their names been breathed before Him; and through the day are they borne upon our hearts? Have we taken the sweet promises of