

day School has come to mean Children's School ; you can't change it, it is so ; and while that might be a general name which we might use once in a while when we treat of the subject in literature, we won't to draw a line between the School of the Church that is for the youth, and the School of the Church that is for the adults ; and I think that, if we could—I don't say that we can, but if we could—provide an Assembly as a distinct institution, an Assembly to which John Smith, and Tom and Mary and all of them may come and be identified with the Church on that side of the maturer part of the Church in the study of the Word—the High School of the Church, the College of the Church, with hymns to be sung appropriate to them—alas, for the hymns, if hymns they can be called, we do sing sometimes in Sunday School,—where dignified, thoughtful, reverent hymns may be sung, where Scripture may be read ; where reverent, thoughtful prayer may be offered ; where the Bible may be taught systematically, analytically, thoroughly, spiritually ; and young people need not feel that they sacrifice their personal dignity by identifying themselves as they are required to do elsewhere with the juvenility of the Church and community. I cannot say to-night just how this may be carried out. If I were pastor of this church I would have, other things being equal, an assembly for young people between the ages of twelve or fourteen and twenty-one—I say, I would try. I used to think I could do about as I pleased, but I was married in 1858. (Laughter.)

Wherever I was pastor I had Sunday Schools on Sunday afternoon at half-past two o'clock. When I spoke in Conventions I said the time for Sunday Schools was half-past two. When people asked me in Sunday School Conventions what was the proper time for Sunday Schools to meet, I would frown and look dignified and authoritative, and say, "Half-past two o'clock"—no other hour, but half-past two o'clock. One, two, three, four, several charges which I had in the settled ministry of the itinerancy—(laughter)—I had Sunday School at half-past two o'clock. I went finally to Rockford, Illinois. I asked them when they had Sunday School. They said, Twelve o'clock, just after preaching—giving me a quiet hint that twelve o'clock was the time to stop preaching, and to have Sunday School. I said, "I never have Sunday School at twelve o'clock ; the hour for Sunday School is half-past two o'clock"—(laughter)—and after that, while I was pastor of that church, we always had Sunday School at—twelve o'clock. (Laughter.) A man cannot always do as he wants to do ; and the best thing to do then is to do the best you can under the circumstances. If I were pastor of this church, and could do it, I would have an assembly ; gather in the young life of the Church, and relieve them from all these associations to which I have referred. I don't know that I would ever bring them in connection with the Sunday School. Perhaps that is not quite orthodox. I would bring them there once in a while to gratify those people that are bound to have them ; but I would treat them as they treat High School pupils