

the roll had been sealed and put away. They had not been educated. Last Sunday I asked my class of 250, mostly adults, what business Jehonadab had in Israel. One man said he knew once but had forgot. So with a great many middle-aged persons here. What is the matter? You graduated too early. People should never leave the Sunday-school. It is the school of Christ. People come and hear two sermons, and on Monday morning they don't know anything about either of them. There are not nine ministers out of ten who can recollect on Monday morning the texts of the previous day. (Laughter.) There is such a thing as cramming so full that you burst the vessel. That is the trouble with our churches to-day. I blame none of my people who come to church twice if they come the third time. We know nothing about Sunday at home in this Province. There is a large class of the people that don't do any of the work. It is a wrong system. We have no Christian home to-day. I ask you if you have time to call your children and servants together and sing and talk together so that they will remember till old age the blessed times they had. The trouble is, this thing has been given over to the Sunday school. The teacher cannot take hold of the children as the parents—cannot have such love as the parents. Let love teach them; let them have some memory of father and mother that they will carry to their graves with joy. Children remember sermons. Let all the children come to church. One of my ladies last evening said: The children remember what is in the sermon. My little girl told me, when I said I thought I would come to the prayer-meeting, though very tired, "I guess you remember what Mr. Parsons said—'You can run around all day on your own business, and you ought to have a little time to give to the Lord!'" All the old people should come to the Bible-study. In answer to the question, the pastor must lead in it with all his head and heart and influence. Unless he goes at it so that the people will think he is crazy it won't go. I insisted for ten years in Massachusetts that there should be but one sermon on Sunday, and one Bible-study. The other ministers said if a minister could not preach twice and conduct a Bible-class he was lazy. I replied, if you think it is easy to conduct a large Bible-class that will fire questions into you as fast as an army can fire bullets, try it. Once I had a D.D. exchanging with me, and I had about forty adult men with college education, and they took great pleasure in winding up a man who could not get along unless he had the complete run of things. The result was, the Doctor told me he would rather preach seven times right along than conduct that class once. Preaching 104 times in a year to a congregation cannot stimulate the people to think the subject out, unless they have some share in it. You cannot pour in continually without stagnation. One service should be a study with each man and woman with Bible in hand, free to ask what they want. One service should be devoted to Bible-study. It is an easy matter