

1. I would like to have you all present, as you were this morning, promptly, at the hour. When you come in late you interrupt the order, and miss some of the most delightful exercises of Sunday School. I love to sing with you, and to hear you sing at the opening of the school. If you are tardy, I am anxious about you; I fear that you may be ill, or that you are playing by the way. And, besides, it is an honor, and creditable to yourselves and your teacher, when you are on the spot at the proper hour.

2. I would like to have you always exhibit the same orderly and quiet deportment which you have maintained this morning. The Sunday School room is not a place for play. The time is sacred; for it is the Lord's day. The employment is serious; for it is religious, or closely related thereto. The company you are in is honourable; here are your superintendents and teachers, visitors and strangers from abroad, and your minister. They have come here because the Sabbath school is a good place. I hope none of my class will ever forget themselves and dishonour their teacher by turbulence and disorder in such a place, and in such company. And, more than all, I hope they will remember that they honor God as their demeanor is reverent and orderly in his house.

3. I would like to have my class well posted up in all Bible-lessons, Scripture-proofs, and all other recitations that may be ordered for the school. I would like to have them prompt and ready to answer any questions that the superintendent or others may propose to the school. I would not have you forward or vainglorious. Let all your acts be chastened with becoming modesty. But when you know how to answer correctly a question that has been publicly proposed, do not fear to speak.

4. In this last last paragraph there are several miscellaneous things I will mention, which I desire very much to witness among my children. When I am detained from you by illness I would love to have you call and see me. Every teacher values highly such marks of respect from his pupils. When you receive books from the library, I love to see you careful of them, and thoughtful to return them in due time. I like to see my class-members severally, subscribers to the Sunday School Advocate. I would like to have my children skilful and diligent to bring new scholars into the school. Every child whom you can induce to forsake the companionship of Sabbath-breakers, and engage in the Sunday school is a brand plucked from the burning. These shall be as stars in that crown of heavenly joy which the Lord will give to you.

There are many other things I would like to say to you, children. I want you to be the best class in the school. But I have said enough now; will you try and remember it? Let me give it to you in brief:—*Prompt and uniform in your attendance; quiet and orderly in your deportment; accurate in your recitations, and generally improving.* When you come to be men, able to think for yourselves, you will see this is not unsuitable counsel, nor will you regret that you gave affectionate heed to it.

From your affectionate friend and teacher,

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#### EARLY RISING.

Said the distinguished Lord Chat-ham to his son, "I would inscribe on the curtains of your bed and the walls of your chamber, If you do not rise early, you can make progress in nothing.