

grieved to find, "that out of fourteen convicts thirteen had been Sunday scholars, and that ten acknowledged that drink had been the cause of their ruin." Induced to pursue the investigation, he forwarded a letter to the chaplains of the various gaols, enquiring how many of the prisoners had been Sunday scholars, and the following table gives the result:—

Prison.	Number of Prisoners.	No. who have been taught in Sabbath-schools.
Bath	88	47
Banff	9	6
Beaumaris	18	14
Bedford County Prison	100	68
Reading (male)	184	106
Brecon Gaol	21	14
Blocks County Prison Aylesbury	114	83
County Gaol, Cambridge	99	57
Cardigan	28	23
Carmaithen Gaol	32	21
Cardarvon Gaol	24	22
Cornwall County Prison	121	63
Derby County Gaol (male)	210	127
Derby Female Prison	28	22
Devon County Gaol and Bridewell Exeter	257	140
Dorset County Gaol	1057	723
Durham County Prison (male)	220	96
Chelmsford, Springfield (male)	203	119
Ditto (females)	12	8
Flintshire Gaol	27	19
Hereford	88	50
Huntingdon County Prison	70	45
Maidstone County Prison	475	191
Preston House of Correction	266	181
New Bailey House of Correction, Salford	63	58
Middlesex House of Detention (male)	90	50
Monmouth County Gaol	63	45
Montgomery Gaol	32	20
Oxford Castle	172	98
Waverfordwest County Gaol	37	19
Salop County Prison	130	12
Stafford County Gaol	302	166
Bury St. Edmund's County Gaol	97	51
Ipswich County Gaol	120	67
Horsemonger-Jane County Gaol	167	93
Buxton House of Correction	253	106
Kendal	16	11
Kingston-upon-Hull	144	107
Copar Prison	63	38
Glasgow Prisons	749	414
Stirling	99	71
Rothesay	6	4
Hamilton	42	30
Stafford	408	314
West Riding Prison (males)	340	267
Wakefield (females)	60	43
York Castle	70	59
Swansea Gaol	32	23
Milbank Prison (out of 1103)	562	356
Dundee	203	160
Dolgelly	6	6
Inverness	38	23
Edinburgh	553	399
County Prison, Renfrewshire	162	153
Plymouth Prison	43	19
Coventry Gaol	82	48
Perth General Prison	432	281

Institution.	No. of inmates.	No. who were Sunday Scholars	No who were teachers.
Magdalen Asylum Birmingham	20	12	0
Bristol Penitentiary	22	19	2
Exeter	28	26	2
Gloucester Magdalen Asylum	18	17	4
Huddersfield Workhouse	2	2	2
Hull	30	23	0
Benevolent Institution, Liverpool	15	11	0
Guardian Asylum, Leeds	15	14	1
Refuge for the Destitute, Hackney-road	36	22	0
London Female Penitentiary, Pentonville	87	68	3
Female Aid Society and Home for Penitent Females, Pentonville	55	27	0
Guardian Society Asylum	32	22	1
Norfolk and Norwich Magdalen	11	9	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne Penitentiary	27	23	0
Nottingham Penitentiary	13	8	0
York Penitentiary	10	8	0

Now it may be somewhat difficult to estimate aright the value of these statistics. It may perhaps be questioned, whether all the children claiming to have been Sunday-scholars, were so identified and registered as to be regarded as such by the teachers. Further, some may have attended for so short a time, or have been so irregular, that their claim ought not to be allowed to stand to the debit of the Sunday-school. Still, it must be manifest that after all deduction demanded by such considerations, a fearfully large proportion of the children who have been Sunday scholars, turn out untutored and depraved.

Every thoughtful mind will be anxious on such a review to ascertain, if possible, what antagonist causes are in operation, neutralizing the influence of Sabbath instruction on the minds of the young. We do not profess to enumerate all opposing forces, it is not our province *here*,—but to claim a patient hearing while we seek to exhibit one.

Let any thoughtful teacher take a tour of observation after the public services of the Sabbath have closed—let him pass through the neighborhoods of tea-gardens, saloons, casinos, and public-houses, let him observe carefully the number of youth of both sexes, mark their habits, catch the tenor of their conversation, and endeavor to calculate the force of the attractions by which they are then drawn out. Let him next pay a Sunday morning visit to the homes of the children under his own charge, and he will arrive at something like the following conclusions;—

1. That strong-drink is the cause of many irregularities in the attendance of the children registered in Sunday-schools.

2. That the same cause prevents many children from being sent to school at all.

3. That drinking habits and the attractions with which they are associated are powerful means of counteracting the influence of the school and obliterating the impressions which the most devoted teaching may originate or deepen.

That these are no imaginary conclusions, a host of indisputable facts can be cited to prove. An investigation conducted at Bradford by the temperance association, gave the undermentioned results:—

The committee having learned that great numbers of young persons, of both sexes, visited the music saloons of the town, resolved to obtain some statistical information on the point, and on Saturday evening, the 12th of February last, persons were appointed by the committee to stand at the entrance of

From the female penitentiaries Mr. Smithies gathered equally melancholy facts,