

ready to save them. Faith will yield, if they do but embrace these things. And do not be inclined to think, when a child sometimes seems dull, as you are stating these truths, that your labor is lost: impressions are often made, when least suspected, and revived after certain seasons, when it was supposed they were long since buried.

Then, fourthly, win their confidence. If a child can say, by seeing the habits of the teacher, 'My teacher wants to do me good,' the impression of that child will naturally lead to confidence in that teacher. It is said of Mr. Whitefield, that individuals went to hear him preach, who were careless about the doctrines which he preached; but every one that went to hear him seemed to go away with the impression—That man wants to do me good. Display the exercise of authority, and it will not teach the children to comply; but only let them know, that you pray and watch over them, and delight in the work, and that it will be a happiness and an honor to see them saved with yourselves, and God shall crown these efforts. It will be the readiest way to win their souls.

Oh! what an opening this gives to win them! They are easily led, by those in whom they confide; just as we are, if we have confidence in our friends' wisdom or kindness. They may say anything to us, and it is almost an oracle to us; we are led on almost by what they say. A children of larger growth feel effect unconsciously.

Fifthly, if you would win their souls, you must win their habits. I do not know whether you have been as much impressed, as the preacher has been, with the word which Solomon uses, with respect to instruction: "Train up a child in the way he should go." Not only instruct a child, because an officer in the army may instruct a recruit to no purpose; but training that recruit is drilling him to habits of exercise. Now this is the difference.

It is very hard work to enforce those habits, which are proper for children; for as soon as they leave you, where, perhaps, they have only two hours' instruction, on a Sunday afternoon, they probably go home to their wicked parents and friends, and the impression of the Sabbath's instruction is soon swept away. And how little power the Sunday School Teacher has, in the time which is allotted for instruction, if he use even the best means in his power, to train these minds into proper and suitable habits!

Yet you must aim constantly, at training them to habits of obedience to yourself, and of obedience and regard to parents; and repeatedly must these be insisted upon. Train them to a fondness for God's house, or places where they hear the truths of the gospel delivered; train them to forethought, and to prudence in their general habits, and to economy in life. I think that in the South, we are very much behind the North, in some societies which they have, arising, probably, from

children being there, in factories, in much larger numbers than we can find them in London or its suburbs. Among them, little societies, of various kinds, are established; such, for instance, as a little subscription for funerals, for so much to be allowed them a week, when they are sick, or for so much to be given, when one of them dies. And this breeds a social disposition among the children, and takes away a great portion of that selfishness which exists in a very large proportion in all our hearts, and teaches them to care for one another, as well as provide for themselves, to a very great extent.

Habits of this kind have, I think, a wonderful effect upon their minds, as they grow up in life; the children perceive the temporal, as well as the spiritual interest, which the teacher took in them, while he was among them. I hope the teachers will endeavor to inculcate the habits I have mentioned on their children, if they would effectually win souls.

2. But I have been too long upon this portion of my subject. I said, however, I would look at it in another aspect; and that is, the result of winning a soul.

A soul won, is won for Christ. It is a reward for his toil; it is a fruit of the application of his redemption. He

"—— looks down and sees  
The purchase of his agonies."

Formerly, it belonged to Satan, and was guided and ruled by him; but now it is Christ's, and now it loves its master, and does his work. Oh! how the master rejoices when the first tear of sincere repentance falls from their eyes! "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God," (that is, Christ rejoicing, while the angels surround him,) "over one sinner that repenteth." Every soul won, then, is an addition to Christ's friends, and a loss, of course, to the kingdom of Satan. Who that loves Christ, would not aim at this?

Again; a soul won, is won for the Church. The Church is a body of believers, who meet to worship their Lord, to imitate his conduct and example, and to uphold his kingdom in the world. A soul, formerly full of cursing, or bitterness, or indifference, or irreligion, now full of praise to his divine master; a spirit, previously "earthly, sensual, devilish," now "set on things which are above"—his habits sinful, now righteous—once "darkness," now "light in the Lord"—once far from God, now "brought nigh, by the blood of Christ"—once, a "stranger and a foreigner," now a "fellow-citizen with the saints, and of the household of God"—now, perhaps, teaches in the same school with you. Now he walks with God, and the Church has gained a friend, when the soul is won. Oh! glorious object!

A soul won, is won for the world. Why, when a child is converted, it is like taking a handful of salt, and casting it into the world, to preserve it from putrefaction; it is like