

cannot rule or command respect from the children over whom he is placed without *energy*. Difficulties often arise, too, in dealing with both teachers and scholars, which require determination to overcome them. A superintendent ought to be *energetic* in the discharge of his duties.

A superintendent ought to be a person *habituated and disposed to regularity and method* in all his arrangements. This is indispensable for the preservation of order in his school, and to its efficient management. And, although it may not at first seem to be of much consequence that our superintendents should be scrupulously punctual and regular, it will be found that want of method operates directly against the prosperity of any school, *always* affecting very much the comfort, and *frequently* the usefulness of the teachers. In a Sunday school, everything should be done "in order;" and, as a principal means of securing such arrangements the person chosen to conduct it should be a pattern of regularity.

All Sunday-school teachers must be, to some extent, actuated by motives of benevolence; but should not our superintendent be *peculiarly a warm-hearted man*? That he may win the affection and confidence of teacher and scholar, and be ready to sympathize with each in their real and fancied difficulties, does he not require such a qualification? And in dealing with both classes, will he not find frequent opportunity for the practice of charity and forbearance?

Allow me only further to say, that it is desirable that our superintendents should be *men of some standing in the congregation* with which they are connected. Their influence will, consequently, be felt as enhancing the estimate of the importance of our work entertained by many in the Christian

community, and as also inducing others to take a more lively interest in the affairs of our Sunday school associations. It is very gratifying to find that very many office-bearers in the Church occupy prominent places in connection with the religious tuition of the young and rising generation. We must deem such a fact an evidence of the extended and increasing interest now taken by the Church at large relative to the spiritual welfare of the young of our day. May this concern be fostered, and may He, whose commission to us is, "Feed my lambs," recognize our labors, by taking to himself glory in the salvation of many young souls, through our humble instrumentality!
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A LITTLE BOY'S REMARK TO HIS TEACHER,

A little incident was related a few weeks ago by a member of a Sabbath school in Providence, R. I., which is interesting to every lover of truth, especially such truth as comes from the lips of the young in its original simplicity.

A class of little boys was confided by the superintendent to the care of a brother, whose hoary head is declared in the word of God to be a crown of glory. Their venerable teacher promised them last winter, that as soon as the days of spring should come, and the earth put on its mantle of green, and the little songsters begin to warble among the trees, he would set apart a day and take them to visit the abodes of the dead, and to look upon the graves of those school-mates whom the hand of death had lately torn from their embrace, and over whom the snowy blasts of winter were then fiercely beating.

Spring soon came, and their faithful teacher was glad to fulfil his promise.