

Sabbath will lower the average attendance of the whole school for the entire year."

Who can doubt that the average attendance of a Sunday-school will be improved through such attention given to its details?—*S. S. World.*

My Flowers.

"Oh, mother, see this flower, this lovely
lit le flower,
I found it in your garden, growing beside
the bower.
I picked it for you, mother, I knew you'd
love it so,
For there is no other like it, not one, I've
looked, you know."

My heart was sad, that flower so frail I'd
watched with tenderest care,
And now to see it plucked was almost more
than I could bear;
From distant lands I'd brought it, this rare
and lovely flower,
And placed it where none dare intrude, near
my own little bower.

But now my child, my only one, in innocence
and glee,
Had found my precious earthly flower, and
brought it in to me.
My wrath was stirred, I thought my child to
punish then was just,
When a sweet voice whispered in my ear,
"Which flower lovest thou the most?"

"This earthly plant so frail, tho' fair, which
blossoms but for a day,
Thou hast tended with such loving care, or
thine own little 'May';
Not thine, but lent thee for a while, in thy
garden here to bloom
Till by my hand transplanted to blossom near
the Throne?"

My little "May," with flower in hand, still
stood in mute surprise,
Not my happy, joyous darling, but with tear-
bedewed eyes,
"What is it, mother? was it wrong to pick
this pretty flower?
I found it when I went to play, just near your
little bower."

I stood rebuked in presence of that little sin-
less child,

I saw the shadow from my brow in her eyes
so blue and mild;
I clasped her to my bosom, for fear the
Heavenly Gard'ner's hand
Should transplant my little flower to his own
sunnier land.

And then I prayed that God would teach me
how aright to tend
This little flower of his love, lent by my
Heavenly Friend,
That I might prune and nurture it, that it in
time might be
A blessing to me, and might bloom thro' all
eternity.

Toronto.

MARY.

Helps to Systematic Giving.

GIVING into the Lord's treasury, is not
only to be frequently enjoined on young
and old as a duty; it is a habit into which
the young should be faithfully trained.
No Sunday-school in even the poorest
community should be without its regular
weekly offerings for purposes of Christian
beneficence, apart from any contributions
for school expenses. Unless a record is
kept of what is given week by week, and
a comparison made year by year, there is
small probability that the giving in any
school will be more and more liberal.
There should be systematic giving, and to
secure this a systematic record of the
giving is important.

The following is the form of a card
issued at the opening of this year, to the
several classes in the Sunday-school of the
Pearl Street Congregational Church,
Hartford, for the purpose of exhibiting
the progress of the school in giving, and
the part borne in it by each class:

The Lord loveth a cheerful
giver.

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IN WHICH	
CLASS NO.	
MAY SEE ITSELF AND THE SCHOOL,	
CONTRIBUTIONS.	
School.	(1872 - \$236.26.
	1873 - 433.40.
	1874 - 509.12.
	1873 -
Class No.	1874 -
	INCREASE IT THIS YEAR.

If Freely ye have received, freely
give.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said
It is more blessed to give than to receive."