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There is hardly any sin of which young people are more guilty than that of Sabbath-breaking; nor is there any one sin, the commission of which has been more signally and more frequently disapproved of by the Great Lawgiver in heaven.

At the present season, children are frequently solicited to spend a part of God's holy day upon the ice, either in skating or sliding thereon. Too many yield to the wicked suggestion and are induced, in defiance of the law of God, the command of their parents, and the instruction of their teachers, to sport upon the ice on the holy Sabbath. Does the youthful transgressor know that scores of young persons are drowned upon the Sabbath—that more are drowned and killed on that day than on any other two days in the week? And why is this, but that God marks with the strongest disapprobation the conduct of those wicked persons who dishonour his holy day. Where, we ask, are we to expect the souls of those persons will be found who perish sinning against God? They die violating the law of God—manifesting disobedience to their parents—and setting at nought the counsel of their teachers? Will any of our youthful readers venture the assertion that those who die under such circumstances are “carried by angels into Abraham's bosom?” We are persuaded they are too well taught concerning sin and its eternal consequences not to know that they who die in an act of open transgression must “be banished from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.”

But some young persons are guilty of Sabbath-breaking who do not venture on the ice for sport on the Lord's-day. They love to have a sleigh-ride upon the snow; and too many young persons are to be seen with their hand-sleighs running down the steep hill on the Sabbath. Some again break the Sabbath, even in a place of worship, by talking about their sports and plays during divine service; and a far greater number are guilty of the same sin by thinking of their skaits, and sleighs, and tops, and marbles in the Sabbath-school, and in the place of worship,

We will just ask the reader two simple questions, by way of conclusion. Do you break the Sabbath? If God were to strike you dead while sinning against him, as he smote with death both Ananias and Sapphira, what would become of your deathless soul? Answer these questions to your own hearts; and when you are tempted to break the Sabbath, think of the consequences. Think of the worm that dies not, and of the fire that is not quenched. Think of the hundreds who have died breaking the law and the day of God; and then lift your heart up in prayer to your heavenly Father, that he may give you grace to resist the temptation, and to enable you to keep the seventh day holy unto the Lord your God.

Several interesting revivals are in progress among the scholars of the Wesleyan Sabbath-schools. A letter in another column will inform the reader of a pleasing work that is going on in Niagara. We thank our correspondent for the communication of the good news; and invite other superintendents who can furnish us with similar intelligence to do so without delay.

We need several hundred more subscribers to the *Sunday School Guardian*; and, we are confident, if our friends would exert themselves in the matter, they could be obtained without much difficulty. Two ladies have sent us in, since our last issue, quite a large number of subscribers, and which was obtained by their personal application. Let others go and do likewise; and thus prevent the failure of our enterprise.

NATURAL RESULTS.

The Presbyterian Advocate gives a case of a Protestant parent who had for some time been sending his daughter to a nunnery; and who, in order to arm his child against any evil influence, placed in her hands “Kirwin's Letters.” She immediately told her father they were not true. Thus this poor girl had already been taught one of the first lessons of Popery, which requires her to regard Protestant ministers as wilful deceivers, and her own father as their voluntary dupe?

The Presbyterian of the West gives a case of recent occurrence in Cincinnati, of a mother who sent her daughter to a nunnery, and she has become a bigoted Papist, and insists on taking the veil. Her parents, deeply grieved, refuse to consent; and she confines herself to her room reading Romish books of devotion. Recently, her mother, on entering her room unexpectedly, found a letter from one of the nuns to her daughter, informing her, that by the laws of Ohio, she could, at the age of eighteen, enter the nunnery, whether her parents consent or not.—*Christian Intelligencer*.

NIAGARA SABBATH SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the S. S. Guardian.

MY ESTEEMED BROTHER,—Feeling deeply interested in the welfare of Sabbath-schools, I have taken the liberty, for their encouragement, to communicate the success we have of late been favoured with. And while in the act of doing so, my heart glows with gratitude to God for his unmerited goodness in favouring our school with the reviving influences of his Holy Spirit. For some time we have perceived a gradual change in the conduct of many of the scholars which led us to believe, that shortly a more important one would take place; and, blessed be God, we have not been disappointed, for the results have been glorious. Some 20 have already professed to have experienced the power of God in the forgiveness of their sins. Previous to this time our beloved pastor, Br. Harper, had addressed the children from the pulpit; and this appeared to have had a very good effect. Many of them were induced to attend our prayer-meetings, at which seasons the Spirit of the Lord visited us in a peculiar manner. O, sir, it does my heart good, and I am sure it would yours, to witness the work that is going on, and to hear these dear lambs, amidst the volumes of prayers that ascend in their behalf, burst forth with a shout, “I am happy, happy! God is love!” and others taking one by the hand, with a countenance expressing their sorrow for sin, soliciting an interest in our prayers. O, sir, this is just as it should be. And glory to God, though our esteemed minister is absent from us for a season, the work is still going on, and the numbers of the adopted ones continue to increase; and it is now extending its happy influences to the Teachers, for some of them have been made to taste the sweets of a Saviour's pardoning love. O that God may carry it on till all our Schools shall have experienced its benefits, and extend it to parents and neighbours, so that we may have a mighty ingathering of souls, such as shall be eternally saved.

R. WARREN.

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PORT HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Anniversary of the Port Hope Wesleyan Sabbath-school Society, took place on Monday evening last. A large and respectable company sat down to tea, prepared by the committee of management, in the Wesleyan Chapel; and great credit is due to them for the excellence of their arrangement. The choir attached to the chapel acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner, delighting the assembly by the performance of several select pieces of music. The Rev. Charles Lavell in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Lavell, Nelles and Beard, and Mr. Cameron and Mr. Chesnut of Victoria College.